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Stainbrook's Store, La Cygne, has new owner



Left to right, Terry Stainbrook, son Scott, Terry's wife Joyce and daughter-in-law Heather Stainbrook see changes coming for the store after the sale to Jeff Yowell.

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A family-owned business for over 85 years, Stainbrook's now has a new owner though familiar faces will remain the same. The new owner, Jeff

Yowell, is a face that many will recognize because his father became a Linn County property owner in 1976 when he purchased land from M.R. Hudson. Yowell, who sold his Kansas City marketing business in 2007, cut ties with them in 2014 giving

"We talked about resources, and it led down the path for me to buy the business," said Yowell. "It just ended up that way – some things are important to me. The current staff is here and committed, and we have overall the same commitment." "This business has a

him time to move onto new projects. He owns approximately 1,500 acres in Linn County with another 500 in Missouri under the name Getter Farms. "I've known the Stainbrooks a long time," said Yowell. "Through conversation the opportunity presented itself that they were looking to sell the business." He continued, "It was important to them that the person knows the role it (the business) plays in the community. It has a presence in the community."

record of success over 85 years," said Yowell. "It's well run. It's a second home to me; I come down every weekend. I'm excited about the opportunity. The business means a lot to the community, and we'll continue to grow." On why Terry Stainbrook and his wife Joyce wanted to sell Stainbrook's, he said, "The business is doing well and has been growing the last 10 years. We've gotten to the point we need help getting to the next level. Stainbrook's has always been a team, not just a family." Terry said he looked at the opportunity and said, "There were good things for the employees and the customers. It's a great opportunity to move to the next level; it'll still be a family operation – just with a new coach." SEE STAINBROOK'S, A3



New owner Jeff Yowell.



Faucett Rd. south to 1350 Rd. will be the detour when CR-1525 east of CR-1077 is closed for construction.

1525 Rd. east of 1077 Rd. to be closed

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Public Works Field Administrator Jackie Messer has reported that County Road 1525 between CR-1077 and Faucett will be closed beginning Monday,

April 1. The culvert just east of CR-1077 will be dug out April 3, and the road will be closed for approximately two months. Residents using that road are asked to find alternate routes during the construction phase.

Standoff in Parker over warrants



Law enforcement surrounds a subject at 313 W. Kimball in Parker. They subsequently took him into custody.

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Residents in Parker reported a standoff be-

tween a subject located at 313 W. Kimball, and law enforcement officers from both the Linn County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol

on around 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 19. According to Linn County Sheriff Paul Filla, the standoff began when officers attempted to execute a Johnson County warrant for arrest for violation of probation on the subject, one Rodney Lindsey, when the man barricaded himself inside the residence, refusing to come out. Other officers were called to the scene; the Kansas Highway Patrol and Johnson County SWAT were contacted, and Parker Elementary

was put on lockdown as a precautionary measure. Following a back and forth discussion with the individual, Lindsey finally agreed to stand down and exit the building. The Johnson County SWAT Team was called off, and no shots were fired during the incident according to Filla. KHP Trooper Mark Drennan transported Lindsey to Johnson County, where he will be held on a \$15,000 bond until his next court appearance on a motion to revoke his probation.

Johnson to receive award from KACP

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Det. Bobby Johnson

The Linn County Sheriff's Office recently received notification that

Det. Bobby Johnson, along with the department, has been named as a recipient of a KACP (Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police) Valor Award for his efforts in bringing a murderer to justice. Johnson was nominated for the award by Kansas Bureau of Investigation Agent William Smith for his work on the disappearance of 87-year-old Betty McNabb and her son, 65-year-old Kenneth McNabb, in November 2016. The nomination states that through the ag-

gressive and thorough investigation conducted by Johnson as lead detective, the murderer David McNabb was brought to justice in September of 2018. Johnson's subsequent investigation with KBI Special Agent Ronnie Burk determined the two had been murdered and their bodies transported two counties away and buried. The nomination gives details regarding the investigation and how Johnson and Burk began to focus on David

McNabb for the disappearance of his relatives. It goes on to list how they found the bodies and built a case that was accepted by Assistant Attorney General Jessica Domme, who was able to build a case for double homicide that resulted in a plea and a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole for a minimum of 100 years. Johnson's award will be presented at the KACP Awards presentation at the Capital Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka on April 12.

do send people down a few weeks after to pick up any trash or debris that may have been sprayed out during the process, and they bag it and remove it." Commission member Tate West asked if the company was under any violation with the county at the present time, and county Zoning Administrator Andy Mayhugh noted it was not. A motion to approve the CUP renewal was made and approved on a unanimous vote. The CUP renewal will go before the County Commissioners on April 1. Dave Berglund, chairperson of the Linn County Planning and Zoning Commission, then addressed the crowd, clarifying that before the regulations regarding windmills are put on the books, a public hearing will be held and reminded those gathered that the P&Z Commission is not the one that decides yes or nay on the windmill regulations or even to let windmills in – that would be the County Commissioners. Berglund also noted the board would allow folks an opportunity to speak, provided it was kept civil and speakers stood at the podium and gave their name. The first speaker up was Gretchen Deay who asked

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BULLY PULPIT

Entitled

Seriously? When I heard about the college entrance scandal going on, the range of emotions I felt went from anger to pity to crossing my arms and saying it's about time those who think they are entitled figured out they aren't.

For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, www.nbcnews.com reports, "The alleged scam focused on getting students admitted to elite universities as recruited athletes, regardless of their athletic abilities, and helping potential students cheat on their college exams, according to the indictment.

"Federal prosecutors have accused Loughlin, 54, and Giannulli, 55, of agreeing to pay bribes totaling \$500,000 to boost their daughters' chances of getting into USC."

Those two are not the only ones as the scam has gone on long enough to net originator of the idea, William Singer, \$25 million from parents wanting "the best" for their children, no matter the cost.

Www.city-journal.org reports, "The celebrity college-admissions cheating scandal has two clear takeaways: an elite college degree has taken on wildly inflated importance in American society, and the sports-industrial complex enjoys wildly inflated power within universities. Thirty-three moguls and TV stars allegedly paid admissions fixer William Singer a total of \$25 million from 2011 to 2018 to doctor their children's high school resumes — sending students to private SAT and ACT testing sites through false disability claims, for example, where bought-off proctors would raise the students' scores. Singer forged athletic records, complete with altered photos showing the student playing sports in which he or she had little experience or competence. Corrupt sports directors would then recommend the student for admission, all the while knowing that they had no intention of playing on the school's team."

This was no small scheme. This took lots of people and lots of money to get the ball rolling to allow a few kids to get placement in schools that they may, or may not, have been suited for.

It goes back to the haves and have-nots. Unfortunately, in this case, the haves thought they had to have something for their kids that their kids may or may not have deserved. Looking at the entitled Hollywood elite, deserving has nothing to do with it when they can flash money and open doors.

Apparently, that money won't buy their children college transcripts or the ability to enroll in class once universities found out about the cheating scandal. Universities are now in the process of going back to names on the scandal list and searching out students who may have gained entrance due to cheating.

I really believe that the upswing of socialism is due to people such as the Hollywood elite who purchase their children's futures out from under those who may work harder or deserve it more. Those same entitled children grow up thinking the world is easy, everything should be handed to them and cry when they don't get a participation ribbon.

My son went to Fort Hays State University. It was a journey that taught him many things about life, namely there are no free rides. You work for what you get and appreciate what you've worked for. He had his share of fun when in college, but he knows the value of a dollar and both he and his wife have very good jobs to show for their hard work.

Kids that have someone take a test for them, cheat on entrance exams, etc., are piling up terrible life experiences that will come back to bite them in the rear. They have nothing to value, no work invested for the thing they gained — what a shallow existence for those people.

Further, that type of upbringing, stepping over those that may deserve it more, puts those types of people in a mental position of feeling better than others and putting others into a servant status — socialism.

Now, parents that thought their little darlings couldn't possibly get a good enough score on the ACT or gain entrance into USC have put their kids on the skids for the foreseeable future. Well-meaning parents often hinder kids that just need

a kick on the butt to work a little harder or look to a school better suited to their talents.

Sports are a whole other topic. But, I believe the same premise can be used with parents who try to cheat their kids into school through a sport. Eventually the truth comes out and someone pays — trickle down says the kids will pay in the end.

Interesting that the college entrance scandal is occurring at the same time the Deep State is being unseated in Washington, D.C. The entitled minority are fighting hard.

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Wind turbine farms...the new gold rush

Letter to the Editor:

These wind farms are started, supported and in all likelihood will need to be removed in 10 years by taxpayer dollars.

The wind turbines are only 25 percent efficient and have proven not to have the life expectancy

as professed. They are supposed to be about producing wind energy, but producing carbon credits are a large factor. These carbon credits are sold to large producers of pollutants. This is where the real money is made. So for a few farmers who want to share in this gold rush, along with the finance company and the owner of the wind turbine farm, non-participating residents must give up their quality of life:

- Flashing lights all night.
- The hum of the

turbines and whoosh of turning blades.

– The eyesore to our landscape.

– Electronic devices such as televisions, mobile phones, Doppler radar (weather) and government radar service are diminished.

– Actual health risks caused by the turbine.

– The unit collects ice, can throw particles up to three-eighths of a mile.

– Photos on the internet showing planes dumping jet fuel on the units to de-ice them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrat Party - the party of no

To the Editor:

A recent article in the Washington Times by Everett Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, really spelled out what the Democratic Party has become.

Piper says the Democratic Party that once stood for workers' rights and civil rights is now the party of no. No cars, no guns, no gas, no planes, no fuel, no energy to heat our homes and no power to run our military. It stands for no walls, no wisdom, no character, no coal, no cows, no cash and

no character.

It is a party, he says, of delusion and denial, of no religious freedom, no morality, no Bibles and no parental rights. A party that wants to brainwash our children, abort babies and refuse to protect a born-alive baby girl while pretending to care for female health.

Piper calls the Democratic Party a party of no academic freedom and no liberty, which demands that everyone look like them, walk like them, talk like them and think like them. A party that is diverse yet accepts no dissent, that preaches love but hates those who do

not conform.

Piper says this Democratic Party "is one that shouts no in the face of what is right and demands silence as they promote what is wrong." It is a party of no life and no liberty, no happiness — a party that is totally hapless.

Piper declares the Democratic Party has no brain and asks how anyone can with a clear conscience continue to vote for anyone in the Democratic Party.

I consider this party the party of stupidity for not accepting the fact that there is no proven collusion between the Trump

campaign and Russia, and for continuing to go after President Trump with more investigations by Congress, intended to try to entrap anyone and everyone connected to the president.

It is time to quit accusing President Trump of nonexistent crimes, and indict the real criminals, those who have done what the Dems accuse Trump of doing. If our republic is to survive, we need more people in office who will work for the American people, not those who are breaking the law.

Ruth McGrew
Centerville

The Freedom to Choose

Letter to the editor:

This past week has been very difficult for me. I began the week being fairly angry and ended the week experiencing a lot of fear for my faith and country. My anger was fueled by the continued controversy over the border wall and the images of children confined in chain-link cages. Apparently this is acceptable. The continued corruption in our nation's capital, the massacre in New Zealand, and the educational scandal which points to the wealthy

cheating the system to get their children into elite colleges simply adds to my anger.

I am embarrassed to admit that my much of my generalized anger has turned to ambivalence. For example, I think that abortion is a horrible thing but I adamantly believe that a woman has a right to choose what happens her body. I believe that people have a right to worship as they choose and that this right is guaranteed by the Constitution. However, I am a Christian and I struggle with supporting other religious faiths. And, I

believe in the power of diversity and nonpartisan politics. Yet, I strongly identify with the Democratic Party and often find myself being critical of Republican decisions and our president's tweets.

Unfortunately, I find that my overriding emotion lately has been one of fear and loathing. I fear what is happening to our country. I fear for our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. I believe that our right to choose is in jeopardy. But nevertheless, I daily prayer is that God give me the ability to make good choices and the strength to appreciate the rights that others have also make their own good choices.

So, my goal this week is to focus on good choices and to do my part in supporting and strengthening my community and my country. I think some of

the ways I can do this is to support our constitutional right of freedom of religion. Although I'm a Christian, I can choose to honor and accept that other religious faiths, whether they are Muslim, Jewish, or Hindu have a right to freely and openly worship. I also can choose to accept that the Constitution guarantees a woman the right to have an abortion if she chooses. And, I can choose to accept the fact that the Constitution guarantees Democrats, Republicans Libertarians, and Independents the right to campaign and promote their platforms. The fearful part in all this rhetoric is the question I have to continue asking myself, "am I making good choices" to defend the rights of others.

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Prescott

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STAINBROOK'S: AFTER 85 YEARS, SOLD TO NEW OWNER

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With that, Terry motioned to the gray hair on his head and said with tears in his eyes, "I've coached for 40 years; they just have a new coach." Yowell said, "It's like KU with Bill Self and Roy Williams; people are still fans. It's important the business continue to thrive."

Terry said, "I'm tickled Jeff is able to see the potential – it's just a question of how hard do you want to work?" He continued that business comes from not only La Cygne, but Linn Valley, Tanglewood Lakes, the county and beyond. "With Jeff, there's unlimited potential, and we can tap into even more of that potential."

He said, "I want to stay here and see it continue; we'll be able to be here."

He explained that every employee who has worked at Stainbrook's has left a mark and helped the business become what it is. He said past employees went on to work at KCP&L, NAPA, etc., using what they learned at the business to help them with their careers.

Yowell said, "The employee team was one reason I was interested; it's a seamless operation."

Terry and Joyce's daughter-in-law, Heather Stainbrook, said, "Everybody who's been here has left a mark. It takes a village."

Terry said, "A lot of our customers are third-generation customers; some are fourth generation. It's pretty amazing."

Yowell reminisced that he came into Stainbrook's when he was in junior high and has watched the place grow.

Terry said, "Jeff's dad bought one of my dad's tractors."

Heather smiled and said of Terry, "He's learned what PTO (paid time off) is."

Terry commented, "We didn't have much PTO."

The sale became official March 1. Scott Stainbrook, Terry's son, commented that he was in on the sale from the beginning. "We trust the new guys. We're looking at new lines, new product offerings – soon as spring."

Yowell commented that they are looking to potentially expand store hours to include 8 a.m.-noon on Saturdays.

The Stainbrooks and Yowell discussed that the sale of the business took someone with a business sense to understand the flow of the business. They continued that they will look at lines carried and see if there are extensions that make sense for Stainbrook's.

Heather commented that now they are discussing taking care of the employees further; with that, benefits including health insurance and more are on the table.

Terry said, "I'll be 71 this year. If we want to have fun, we have to do it before we can't. My dad said 'don't stay here as long as I did or you won't be able to have any fun.'"

Scott and Heather commented that they want their folks to enjoy things.

With that, Terry lamented that he doesn't have any hobbies – he's just worked.

"It's a win, win," said Yowell. "The ones that are least expected are the ones that work out the best."

Heather said, "Scott and I went to Jeff that we were at our max on resources – technology, everything fell together after that. There is a level of trust that works – it's a neat dynamic. Without that trust, it wouldn't work out. We're very fortunate; we know how lucky we are."

Scott said, "It's not exactly easy. But other generations will have the opportunity to work here. It's better for the employees and the community. He has tons of resources; we're making a good team."

Yowell said, "I've owned a business and run it day to day; that is not my intent here. Knowing they'll stay in place was appealing to me."

Terry said, "I've never been involved in the sale of a business. I can't imagine one going any smoother. It took four weeks to close."

County Government Day



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Lawrence Forbach, Jerry Criley and David Nickelson from the Mound City American Legion Post 248 demonstrate flag folding for junior and senior high students from all three high schools in Linn County. The flag folding was the opening meeting of County Government Day held in Mound City.

P&Z: NEW SETBACKS DISCUSSED

FROM PAGE A1

where the protection of property rights was for non-participating landowners.

"The landowner does have the right to do what he wants on his property," she noted, "but does not have the right to install something that causes danger and property devaluation to neighbors."

"I feel installing these will bring growth in Linn County to an abrupt halt," she concluded, adding that setbacks for any non-participating property owner should be 3,000 feet.

Another landowner asked about neighboring property owner's rights to build in the future.

"Allowing these to go in at a 2,000-ft. setback would inhibit anyone from building on their own property in the future to a certain degree," he noted. "The setback needs to be at 3,000 ft."

Another property owner noted that the setback of 2,000 ft. doesn't allow for safety concerns, adding that ice flung from the windmill can travel up to 1,500 ft.

Mayhugh noted that the board is simply trying to get something on the books to regulate and define this, and a member of the audience commented that it had not been looked at enough.

"I think we have," Berglund commented. "We've had 10 months to

talk about this."

Another audience member spoke regarding how the setback should be at least, if not more than, 1.5 times the height of a tower or 900 ft. Even from there they have shadow issues, ice flung 1,300 ft.

"You're taking away the property lines of non-participating property owners," he concluded.

Another property owner noted a study done by NASA and suggested the board read through it before making any decisions.

Chasity Ware noted that she was neither for nor against until she attended the public meeting with former weatherman Mike Thompson and learned about many mitigating factors.

"There are too many cons to the pros," she noted, adding, "I have a friend in Lebo who deals with issues from these things all the time."

Her daughter Brielle then spoke, noting she had always planned to raise a family here and asked why the county would want this here if it's not benefitting us.

Berglund replied that any electricity generated by the windmill would go into the local grid, which is owned by a government entity, and the electricity on that grid is bought and sold on a regular basis.

"If a generator goes out in one place, the grid can then shift electricity from

one area to another to get things back up and running," he added.

West then noted there seems to be two types of people – those who do want them and those who don't."

"We have issues – shadows, ice, property values, aesthetics," he went on. "If you have a problem with the ice accumulation, these are the topics we need to discuss."

Another property owner brought up health risks associated with malfunctioning windmills.

Following two hours of discussion between those present and the P&Z Commission, Berglund finally asked what the main concern was of those gathered, and the majority reported that they felt the setbacks needed to be increased from 2,000 to 3,000 ft. from a non-participating neighboring property line.

A motion was made to increase the setback to 3,000 ft. from the point of the blade in the horizontal position from a non-participating neighbor property line.

The motion passed on a unanimous vote to a rousing round of applause from the audience.

Berglund noted that the commission will have Mayhugh remove the redactions and make the changes, calling a final vote at the next meeting. The commission then adjourned.

Linn County Health Department empowering bystanders to Stop the Bleed

Linn County Health Department is proud to announce they have been selected by the Northeast Kansas Healthcare Coalition (NEKSHCC) as recipients of Thirty (30) Stop the Bleed Kits.

"We are very excited to have received this award, to provide training, basic skills and tools to our community bystanders to stop uncontrolled bleeding in an emergency situation to improve survivability from any casualty event, such as vehicle accident, gun shot, or any type of uncontrolled bleeding emergency. We want to inform, educate and empower our citizens

of Linn County," said Tisha Coleman, RN and administrator, Linn County Health Department.

Stop the Bleed Campaign details

Whether a person is injured accidentally or intentionally, an injury with significant blood loss can turn into a fatal injury within minutes. In order to help Stop the Bleed, bystanders must be prepared to step in and respond before professional medical help arrives. According to the Department of Homeland Security, the National Stop the Bleed campaign "intends to cultivate grassroots efforts that

encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in emergencies."

"We are hosting our Stop the Bleed Campaign by hosting several classes over the next few months, as our community bystanders need basic training in Bleeding Control so they are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders arrive and are able to take over care of an injured person, to prevent any delay between the time of injury to the time a first responder is on the scene," said Alysia Dennis, RN, Linn County
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Pleasanton Elementary Kindergarten Roundup

Friday, April 12
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bring shot records and birth certificate.
For more information and to schedule a screening, please contact the elementary office at (913)352-8531.

State At-Risk Preschool Opportunity at Pleasanton!

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The County Commissioners heard from Sheriff Paul Filla, who reported 19 prisoners in-house and 18 farmed out.

American Medical Response Capt. Galen Anderson told the commissioners that the dispatch system between Linn County and AMR was working better; the glitch wouldn't allow AMR dispatchers to speak to callers once the call was transferred to them from Linn County after an ambulance was dispatched.

Anderson said they had 12 transports in the last seven days.

Bills in the amount of \$258,102.87 were paid with an additional amount to KPERS of \$14,165.63 approved.

Public Works Field Administrator Jackie Messer told the commissioners that County Government Day for high school civics students was scheduled for Tuesday, March 19. To keep road graders on the roads, he said the students would be able to look at the asphalt machine that day.

He also told the commissioners that the culvert on County Road 1525 east of CR-1077 is going to be torn out with the road due to be closed for up to two months April 1. A road detour map is included in this edition.

Messer said they are delaying putting magnesium chloride on

roads as all 16 counties the chemical company services are in the same condition that Linn County is experiencing on its roads. He said no one is ready for chemical applications now, recommending they wait at least three weeks.

Messer said they may wait until June and was told that was not too late to treat roads; applications stay in place and build up each year.

He said the Linn County Adopt-a-Bike program is beginning again. A receptacle for bicycles is in place where used, old bikes can be stored until they are transported to a prison for prisoners to refurbish them. Once redone, the bikes are distributed to a six-county area to underprivileged kids.

County Counselor Gary Thompson reported that a Mr. Burls, who put a \$3,000 deposit down on airport lots, was contacted concerning the retainer on the lots and closing needed to be Feb. 1. Burls did not follow through and was in default on the contract.

Thompson said there was no written agreement spelling out details; Burls will need to make written application to get the \$3,000 back.

The commissioners approved waiving dumping fees for Tanglewood Lakes to clean up the former Roger Coons property. Messer said campers were turned over on the property, allowing fluids to flow down the hill, and it was left in a mess. Thompson said the request

from Tanglewood fit the parameters to waive dump fees.

Messer was approved to hire Tyler Jenkins from Blue Mound to fill the landfill position for \$13.59 per hour, which was vacated by Jerry Kauffman and by John Black having passed away.

He also presented a repair of the two-year-old bucket truck for \$7,990.99 due to a failure of the arm. The commissioners questioned the repair, and he explained that none of the companies involved would honor a warranty. The arm had approximately 40 hours on it.

Messer was approved to purchase a used road grader from Foley after operator Mike Green drove it. The machine is a 2014 with 1,400 hours for \$169,000 after a trade-in of the old grader for \$37,000. He said new machines are going for \$300,000. The county has a seven-day trial period they can use the grader, and if they are satisfied keep the machine.

Several executive sessions occurred with action coming from one with the commissioners approving the purchase of a house west of the lots purchased from Bobby Johnson. The new house and lot at 331 Spruce in Mound City was purchased from Megan Trumbly for \$55,000 and will be used for space for the new Linn County Law Enforcement and Judicial Center.

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

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The Pleasanton City Council opened their March 18 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and moved directly into a 10-minute executive session for legal matters with City Attorney Gary Thompson. Upon reconvening the regular session Mayor Cynthia Frisbie noted no action had been taken.

Council then moved to take a second 10-minute executive session for trade secrets, with Thompson, City Clerk Teresa Whitaker and Codes Officer Sandy Atkisson. Frisbie noted that no action had been taken when regular session reconvened.

City Administrator Erica Kern reported that the 5K Color Run slated for Saturday, March 23, had been cancelled due to a lack of entries. She then noted the Community Orchestra event set for March 27 will be held at the United Methodist Church and will include a history of local churches. On the financial side,

Kern told the council that all departments are under budget at this time.

Kern reminded council that the final workshop on codes revisions is set for Monday, March 25.

Kern approached the council regarding reported issue with parking on Ash Street during certain games, tournaments or meets, and asked their thoughts on making it a no parking area. She elaborated that during sub-state the street was full, and people had even parked blocking stop signs with a few small accidents having taken place. Council determined it should be "No Parking" from West Lake Lane to Park Street. Thompson stated a resolution would need to be placed, and he would draft one.

Kern then recognized Whitaker, who was gone for training last week, for being one of only 42 people who received a scholarship for that training.

Council approved the consent agenda, including minutes from the March 4 meeting, regular council disbursements of \$16,594.41;

payroll disbursements of \$19,027.21; and mandatory disbursements of \$11,821.65.

Chief of Police Tristan Snyder reported that his department had made seven arrests, six of which were felonies. Two of those were with charges of possession of methamphetamine, forgery and more.

Public Works Superintendent Joe Whitaker updated council on projects within his department, such as cold patching the road to the compactor, graveling the roadway at the East Lake, and finishing the sheetrock at the Community Center.

Whitaker further noted he will be writing specifications for bids for a new mower and sending them out. Bids are to be opened at the second meeting in April.

Council then handled the following matters:

- Approved the renewal of insurance with Linn County Insurance in the amount of \$76,611.

- Approved Resolution 339 regarding nuisance abatement at 105 Miami and set a hearing on the matter at 6 p.m. May 6.

- Approved Resolution 340 regarding nuisance abatement at 707 Center St. and set a hearing on the matter at 6 p.m. May 6.

- Reviewed a nuisance abatement issue at 907 Sycamore and asked Thompson to draft a resolution.

- Approved a service

agreement with BG Consultants, Inc., for the Transportation Alternatives grant for the sidewalks on Ash and Cedar.

- Discussed diving boards for the city pool and asked Kern to do more research.

- Discussed possible changes to Ordinance 1958 regarding usage of motorized scooters and wheelchairs on city streets, especially after dark. No action was taken.

PARKER CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

BY TONY FURSE
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In addition to directing a change in the city's cereal malt beverage retailer ordinance, a report located elsewhere in this edition, Parker's city council also unanimously approved a \$75 annual donation to the Prairie View High After-Prom committee.

At Thursday's regular monthly meeting, Mayor Wayne Burk also confirmed that the storm siren needs repair. He said he would seek the experience of Matt Kelley, an employee for Chad Page, the city's contracted water/sewer and maintenance operator.

"[Kelley] used to work with the company at Pittsburg that deals with these sirens," Burk said.

Councilman Gary Ear-

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

- ▶ **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:** 10-11 a.m., The Residencies at Pleasanton
- ▶ **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** 7-8 p.m., Methodist Church, 751 Main St., Pleasanton. Call to inquire, 620-215-4670.
- ▶ **HELPING HANDS & HEART FOOD PANTRY:** 9-11 a.m., Parker United Methodist Church
- ▶ **LA CYGNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** 7 p.m., City Hall
- ▶ **LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:** 5:15 p.m., Pleasanton Library
- ▶ **SENIOR BINGO:** 1-3 p.m., Mound City Library, free with snacks and prizes

THURSDAY MARCH 21

- ▶ **ALL FAITH BIBLE STUDY:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Parker United Methodist Church
- ▶ **DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP:** 6 p.m., Community of Christ Church, 1623 S. Eddy, Fort Scott

FRIDAY MARCH 22

- ▶ **TODDLER RETREAT:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pleasanton Nazarene Church, for babies thru 4 years old

SATURDAY MARCH 23

- ▶ **REACH OUT FOOD PANTRY:** 9-11 a.m., south door, Prescott City Hall
- ▶ **SCRAPBOOK DAY:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mound City Library. Call to register for \$7 class including goodie bag, lunch, door prizes and snacks.

MONDAY MARCH 25

- ▶ **LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING:** 9 a.m., Courthouse Annex, Mound City
- ▶ **PLEASANTON MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER GROUP:** 8:15 a.m., First Christian Church
- ▶ **AA OPEN MEETING:** 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Third and Main, Mound City
- ▶ **REACH OUT FOOD PANTRY:** 9-11 a.m., south door, Prescott City Hall
- ▶ **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING:** 7 p.m., Parker

Library
▶ **LINCOLN-SCOTT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING:** 7 p.m., La Cygne

TUESDAY MARCH 26

- ▶ **STORY HOUR:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., Linn County Library Dist. No. 1, Parker Library
- ▶ **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** 7 p.m., La Cygne Christian Church
- ▶ **UPPER ROOM STUDY GROUP:** 10 a.m., Mound City United Methodist Church, Third and Main
- ▶ **LA CYGNE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** 5-6 p.m. For information call 913-710-5982.
- ▶ **LA CYGNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** 7 p.m., Historical Museum
- ▶ **FRIENDS OF PLEASANTON GARDENING MEETING:** 7 p.m., Pleasanton Library
- ▶ **GAME NIGHT:** 6-8 p.m., Mound City Library
- ▶ **KANSAS WORKS ASSISTANCE:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Linn County Health Department at Pleasanton. If wanting to expand education, looking for job, interested in funding for health care training or resume assistance, call or text 620-215-0198 for appointment.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

- ▶ **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:** 10-11 a.m., The Residencies, Pleasanton
- ▶ **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS:** 7-8 p.m., Methodist Church, 751 Main St., Pleasanton. Call to inquire, (620) 215-4670.

COMMUNITY

▶ **CONCERN:** Open 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Saturday, 516 Main St., Mound City. For Catholic Charities call for an appointment at 913-795-2092.

Any nonprofit community event is welcome. For fundraisers, the following charges will apply: \$6 for 15 words and additional words are 35 cents each. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

ley had asked about the siren's operation, noting that the siren is difficult for him to hear at his eastside residence, "even when I'm outside and especially if a train is going through."

Burk said the current siren, located near the fire station on South Center Street, is designed as an outdoor warning system.

"You can hear it if you're outside," he said.

Asked Councilman Lance Burroughs, "Why not put one at that end of town?"

Burk said he could visit with Doug Barlet, Linn County emergency management coordinator, about that possibility.

Burk also updated council members about utilization of the city's 2019 county infrastructure grant of \$14,437 for City Lake-related chip seal and recreational vehicle (RV) parking proposals.

With plans still in the early stages, Burk said the county's Northern District road department

still needs to be contacted about chip seal on West 2000 Road from County Road 1077 to the lake entrance.

Concerning RVs, Burk said Kansas City Power & Light Company would be contacted in the near future about accessing "power out there. Even though we have it, there will need to be some things changed around."

Alluding to discovered RV panels that include meters, Burk said that KCP&L's Kevin Keener had told him that the Kansas Corporation Commission "might not let you resell the electricity."

Said Councilwoman Jody Bloodgood, "People aren't going to pay for (RV) rent and electricity." In another report, Cherry Buckley, city clerk, said that contact with the county about non-working trash compactor location lights has been directed to Rick Castle, county maintenance head.

Buckley said that Castle SEE PARKER, A5

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Contractor to receive partial Phase II retainage request

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The general contractor for Phase II of La Cygne's \$5.86 million water distribution system improvement project has received \$100,000 of their retainage request.

Action at the regular council meeting March 6 paid \$100,000 of a remaining \$153,960.53 in retainage to Orr Wyatt Streetscapes, Raytown, Mo.

Brett Waggoner, project manager for BG Consultants, Inc., Lawrence, said that the recommendation of his engineering company's "staff above me" was to pay \$122,000.53 to the contractor, with \$31,960 remaining as retainage.

The primary retainage issue focuses on the automated meter reading (AMR) system in newly-installed pits not reading correctly. Waggoner outlined

computations used by BG to arrive at their recommended payment. He said 5 percent of Phase II's current cost of almost \$3.08 million is \$153,960.53. Under terms of the agreement, he said, the engineer can recommend a set-off equal to 200 percent of the value of work to be completed or corrected.

"The 200 percent is there so that, if a contractor would walk away or go bankrupt, it gives you the amount of money to bring someone else in to finish up," said Waggoner in noting that 200 percent of the AMR system's value of \$15,980 equals BG's recommended remaining retainage.

"We want to work with you and be fair to the contractor," Waggoner said. "(BG) has to go with what the contract says. I'm not prepared tonight to say differently. What's acceptable to (Orr Wyatt) I don't know. I'm not an

attorney, but they could have a case."

Jodi Wade, city clerk, reiterated her concern voiced at earlier meetings for "justification of why we are holding out."

Council president Jerome Mitzner said his concern would be the value of labor added to the 200 percent AMR value, which "could go up to \$45,000 in dealing with 500 meter issues. Construction would take longer with additional labor."

For that reason, Mitzner said his motion to pay \$100,000 and retain the remaining \$53,960.53 "meets the recommendation plus labor costs."

After Esther Shields' second, the council approved the payment on a 4-0 vote.

Waggoner assured city leaders that Preston Hodges from Core & Main, supplier of the AMR system, "wants to get things right. He's

said the only acceptable answer is to get all meters reading remotely."

Waggoner said the AMR systems were "all installed according to specifications, but conditions are not letting them read properly." Water in meter pits is preventing "signals from getting out."

Waggoner acknowledged that Jim Johnson, public works superintendent, had noted La Cygne meter pits have "always been wet." Said Waggoner, "this year a little more so," with high water in some pits forcing the antennae mounted to an internal rebar to float off and into the pit's bottom.

Waggoner said a Feb. 19 meter-reading walk-through that included Hodges "was not as successful as December and not acceptable." Only one other municipality with Core & Main products, a Missouri Bootheel town, had encountered so many meter-pit water problems.

He said Hodges' recommendation is to replace affected AMR assemblies with lids and attached antennae at \$15 per unit.

Mitzner said he wants the eventual remedy "to work for an extended time, not just one year. I want it working 40 years or more with no or little problem. Our old system worked 115 years. That's quite a benchmark to live up to."

In addition, Mitzner wants "to see that all lids are similar, not one kind of lid here and another there. We'll make sure we get them paid."

If all meters are addressed, Waggoner hopes to bring a final change order, a result of consultation between the general contractor and the supplier, to this week's 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, regular meeting.

Councilman Danny Curtis responded to possible additional cost

adjustments.

"I find it hard to believe these lids would work," he said. "It'd be out of hand to pay more because someone designed it wrong."

Waggoner concurred with Johnson that AMR replacements should "wait until after freezing is over." In the meantime, he said a temporary fix for approximately 80 of the units will be to zip-tie antennae to the rebar.

"I understand your frustration. This is causing a lot of extra work. We want to work with you on this because we want to work with you for a long time," said Waggoner in alluding to a potential upcoming wastewater system rehabilitation/replacement in which a closed caption television scope evaluation and revised preliminary engineering report are on the agenda for this week's meeting.

USD 362 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

BY TONY FURSE
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In addition to seeking bids for a Prairie View High gym remodel and approving architectural drawings for a proposed high school vo-ag addition, a report included elsewhere in this issue, the Unified School District 362 board of education unanimously approved summer maintenance projects during its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The total \$252,998.83 encompasses four projects as presented by Bobby Johnson, district maintenance director. Rex Bollinger, district superintendent, said the costs fall more than \$400,000 below the projected summer maintenance budget, "which helps us on our building projects."

Restoration Waterproofing, Wichita, will waterproof and tuck point Parker Elementary School for \$37,496.88, with the school's roof top-capped for an additional \$4,630 to inhibit water deterioration.

Kansas Asphalt, Inc., Stilwell, will seal and repair Prairie View campus parking lots for \$49,434. Under the Trane contract with U.S. Communities program, four rooftop heating/air-conditioning/ventilation units servicing La Cygne Elementary classrooms and library will be replaced at \$74,804.57.

New light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures will also be installed at the La Cygne attendance center

by Florida-based Citory Solutions for \$86,633.38. La Cygne's LED lighting will match those installed last summer at Parker, Johnson said.

In other business, following four executive sessions totaling 30 minutes for non-elected personnel, the board accepted the retirement of Debbie Ryan, middle school custodian, and noted her 29 years of service.

The board also accepted the resignation of Cindy Dziadosz, La Cygne Elementary principal, and the termination of DeeDee Thompson, district cook.

Approved hirings included the transfer of Mark Meek to middle school principal next year with Clay Mettlen named as his successor as high school assistant principal and activities director. Other hirings are Teresa Doty, Central Office administrative assistant; Nancy Moore, food service cook; and Amber Coulter, teacher substitute.

In other action, the board approved high school course additions, including Jazz Band.

Beth Sandness, district curriculum director, said that jazz band has been a before or after school offering. She said that Jeff Russell, band director, anticipates having enough student interest to "make a class" and offer it as a fine arts credit.

"He understands he needs enough students to make it," Sandness said. "He thinks he has 14-18 interested," said Sandness in indicating that "more of them are who play at

the basketball games."

In answer to next year's regular band enrollment as asked by Brad Heide, board member, Sandness said enrollment so far of only next year's juniors and seniors indicates 25.

Along with Jazz Band, semester-long language arts offerings of Shakespearean literature, graphic novels, and mythology were approved.

Sandness also informed board members of a preliminary proposal through Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center (SEKMHC) to supply a case manager/full-time licensed clinician starting next year as part of their suicide prevention efforts. She said the district's cost would be to create space that allows for "enclosed confidential" meetings.

In their district that includes not only Linn County but also Allen and Bourbon counties, Sandness said single case workers are already in place in the Humboldt, Marmaton Valley, and Uniontown districts, with Fort Scott having two.

Along with counsel-

ing, a full-time clinician, Sandness said, could teach lessons and watch students.

"Case managers can go into homes where we can't," she said in adding that the clinician would need to be a "good community fit." The position would not be able to prescribe medications.

Nicolas Philpott, board member, asked about district oversight.

Sandness said that "it is a good question to ask" when she and Bollinger meet with SEKMHC's executive administrator to examine the plan's possibilities for next year.

With Philpott noting Humboldt's 60-student case load, Sandness said their funding is derived from insurance-paid services. She said parents/guardians would be able to opt out of the program at enrollment time.

Johnson alerted board members to potential high school roof construction that may be recommended following an upcoming infrared scan for moisture.

He expects spray-

coating to be done above the gym and vocational-agriculture area but anticipates moisture to be found over the commons, especially above the kitchen.

Noting the high school roof's replacement in 1995, he priced spray-coating at \$236,000 and full replacement at \$500,000.

Under principals' reports, Bonnie Hobson, board member, asked about the exclusivity of a new high school logo through Balfour, the school's graduation apparel supplier and yearbook printer.

Joseph Hornback, Ed.D., high school princi-

pal, said the logo provides consistent colors and logos, but allows entities such as the Entrepreneurship course's 'T-Shirt Shop' to develop their own.

"We wouldn't want to inhibit their creativity," Rita Boydston, board member, said.

In other business before the board:

--The board approved the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Impala for \$20,872 through Ed Bozarth, Wichita, through the state contract.

--The board approved a \$500 donation for Prairie View After Prom activities to be held in the gymnasium this year on April 6-7.

PARKER:

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will check the site's south-end light poles and electricity along the fence "when the weather dries up."

When asked about the lighting situation during her compactor operator's report, Myrtle Douglas alluded to the 7 p.m. closing time in quipping that the

change to daylight savings time had alleviated the darkness problem.

In other business before the council:

--Page reported that a new culvert had been installed at the United Methodist Church, 120 N. Walnut St., with other culverts cleaned nearby.

--The council approved bill payment totaling \$21,218.94.

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Spring is springing



JACKIE TAYLOR | LINN COUNTY NEWS

A pleasant surprise is seen across the county as flowers begin to pop up from the ground. Warmer temperatures have turned grass green prompting people to begin thinking of mowing season.

TURBINES: CONS OUTLINED

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- The unit cannot be used without the use of oil and gas.
- Massive oil leaks from the motor housing to the ground contaminating the soil. This oil may contain PCB, cancer causing.
- There is no containment dam to prevent the oil from getting in the water supply.
- Units are known for catching fire; try fighting a fire 600 feet in the air and then the acres around it.
- Units are known to kill birds, both large and small, including eagles.
- It's my understanding that one of the landowners in favor of the farms is helping in financing the new Linn County jail

and also finances wind turbines. Commissioners, is this not a conflict of interest?

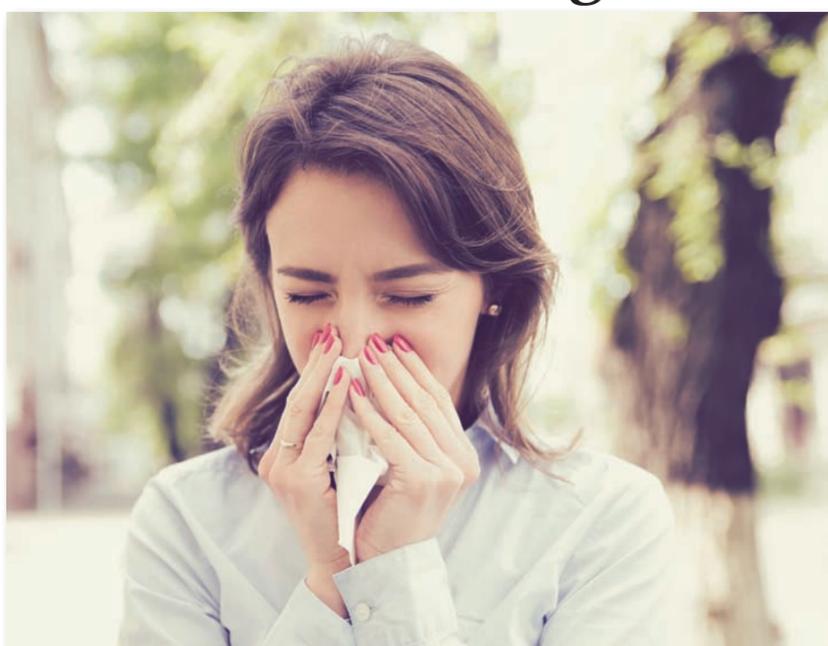
The wind turbines are nothing new. They were the fraud of the '70s and '80s. Just look at two sites in California where 14,000 units have been spewing their venom into the soil for almost 40 years. What makes our County Commissioners think that history will not repeat itself? From what I have read the \$250,000 stated in the March 7 meeting is grossly under rated for the removal of a turbine.

My wife and I moved here to retire; I am retired and my wife is not far from retiring. We moved

here to enjoy the countryside, the sunrises and sunsets, the wildlife and country way of living, and thought we would be able to pass our land on to our children. We did not move here to be by a nasty industrial park, and we know the next generations won't want to either. Again, we moved here to retire, so we are able to live anywhere, and we are seriously considering putting our property up for sale. We will not be moving next to an industrial park and will look for a county that cares about all of their citizens' health and well-being, not the almighty few.

Larry Pennington
Centerville

4 simple hacks to beat seasonal allergies



(StatePoint) Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S. and more than 50 million Americans suffer from them each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When it comes to spring allergies, you don't need to anticipate the season with dread.

There are steps you can take to proactively dodge allergens and mitigate debilitating symptoms, according to the experts at AccuWeather.

Change Your Routine
Are you a morning bather? Experts say that if you suffer from outdoor allergies, you would be wise to switch to evening showers. This will rid your hair and skin of pollen, so you don't bring it to bed with you. No matter what time of day you shampoo and scrub, you'll want to wash your linens in hot water, to remove as much pollen as possible.

Stay in-the-Know
From dry winds blowing tree pollen into the air, to wet, rainy days causing dust mites and mold to thrive, weather has a huge impact on the spread of allergens and, subsequently, the way you

feel, say experts.

"Spring allergies are driven by trees and grass pollen, and different people will have their own reactions. If you do suffer from spring allergens, a cold front passing through can bring some relief," says Alan Repert, AccuWeather senior meteorologist. "But even when the weather seems quiet, allergens can be present and contribute to illness. For example, when rain begins and washes pollen out of the air, mold spores can climb and cause allergy problems."

Get relevant information about weather and allergies in the palm of your hand so you can avoid the worst of it, or make necessary preparations when you can't. One useful tool is AccuWeather's daily allergy index, which is available on AccuWeather.com and on the free AccuWeather app for iOS and Android. Stay in-the-know by frequently checking the app, which is also a good source of other weather-related tips, educational resources and information.

Protect Indoor Air
Fresh air may sound appealing, but opening your

car and home's windows is a fast-track to a high pollen count indoors. For a breeze, stick to air conditioning, as fans can kick up dust and pollen into the air.

Consider Your Wardrobe
For those times when you must be out and about on high-pollen count days, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect yourself. A scarf or mask over your mouth and nose can be useful when symptoms are severe. When you get home, be sure to remove outerwear, including shoes, in your mud room or foyer so you don't track allergens throughout the house, particularly in areas where you sleep and spend the most time. You can make smart decisions about your wardrobe as well as the best time to venture outdoors by consulting digital apps like AccuWeather before leaving the house.

This spring, don't let sniffles, sneezing and wheezing get the best of you. For a more comfortable season, check the weather often and take proper precautions.

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Prayer principles

Part one: Bothering God

Many people come for pastoral counsel seeking answers through prayer. Seeking God's intervention in crisis situations. Seeking to hear God and discern what he's saying. Seeking comfort, wisdom and confirmation of direction. Prayer is indeed a quite interesting dynamic! People are asking me for more teaching and encouragement about prayer, so by popular request, these next several articles will deal with aspects of prayer.

Principle No. 1: God likes to be bothered! Check out Luke 18:1-8 and see the need for persistence, insistence and perseverance as we pray. See the desperate brokenness of this widow as her motive to keep bothering God. She wanted justice, she needed it, and out of that need she kept com-

ing over and over again. Many would say that she lacked faith because she didn't simply trust the Judge to respond to her request the first time she knocked. Don't be spiritually short sighted with this! In verse 8, Jesus spoke to this repetitive and persistent action as evidences of great faith! The faithful person continually bothers God in prayer! That's a demonstration of trust!

There will be a season in which God will manifest his ultimate and full answer to your prayer on this earth, if you're praying in his will over a given situation. It's human nature to "lose heart" (verse 1) when we don't see God moving as quickly as we desire him to. We feel discouragement and despairing! When losing heart, pray more! When anxiety and doubt come like waves of discouragement, press deeper into prayer. See the value in deeper prayer! Keep knocking at the door of heaven with boldness and perseverance. By the way, avoid tentative and tepid tapping at the door of the throne of God. Be confident to knock loudly

and persistently. Pound on that door with all your spiritual might!

Are you in an impossible situation? Are you praying for someone whose heart seems to get harder with the passage of time? Seeking guidance and direction from God? In an emergency situation and need to hear God's voice and see him move? Know that God, who watches over his word to perform it, will respond to your continuous knocking and will speak and move towards impossibility. God loves the challenge of impossibility! Luke 1:37 is your encouragement: "For nothing will be impossible with God." In answer to faithful and persistent prayer, God takes impossibilities and makes them his reality! And he manifests his reality into your situation in a way that brings glory to his name. So, bother God always!

The word "gospel" means "good news." And the best news we could ever possibly hope for would be news of an eternal nature. Sometimes we get good news in this temporal world. Sometimes it is big and sometimes it is small. Our favorite team wins a game: This would be good news that is small. We get a good report from the doctor: This would be good news that is big. But in both cases, it involves issues that are temporary. But God provides us with good news that is eternal.

The Bible says that when Jesus began to preach he proclaimed the gospel of God: "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15). The good news that comes from God is that sinners can be eternally saved through Jesus Christ. Though we are all sinners by nature, who disobey with frequency, we can be saved by turning from our sin and trusting in Christ. Jesus lived the perfect life that we could never live, and then he died on the cross to pay the eternal price for those who trust in him. When we place our faith in Christ, we receive credit for his perfect

righteousness, and he receives "credit" (or punishment) for our sin. This is what the good news of the gospel is all about.

To "repent" means to turn away from. This is what we do in regards to our sin. To "believe" means more than a mere intellectual acceptance of something. It means to place your faith in and to trust in such a way that you devote your life to the object of your faith. Believing in Jesus is to forsake a life devoted to sin and self, and instead devote your life to following Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Bible also makes it clear that there is no other means of salvation except through Christ. While many trust in themselves and assume they are justified before God, others trust in false gods who cannot save. When our time on earth is over, we will all know clearly which way is right and which way is wrong. Until then, we continue on in this life. Some come to a realization that life apart from Christ is ultimately meaningless. Others simply continue on in this life of futility. But there is a better way.

As you read this, the clock on your life is ticking. Your time on earth is limited. In fact, it is even more limited right now than it was yesterday. You are closer to the end than you've ever been. I don't say this to try and scare you, but merely to point out a fact that you already know is true, even if you try to ignore it. "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel."



RURAL COMPASSION
Cary Coffey



SEEKING HIGHER GROUND
Shane Kastler

4 ways to focus on self-care

(StatePoint) It's no surprise that the concept of self-care is getting a lot of traction in many health and wellness circles. Self-care can improve your mental and physical health and help you be more productive. Unfortunately, many people don't prioritize it.

Whether you are a career-focused professional or a stay-at-home parent, it's likely you have a tendency to put other people's needs – those of your children, colleagues, friends or family -- ahead of your own.

Here are four ways to focus on making time for essential self-care activities.

1. Make over your morning: Rise an hour before everyone else in your household. Use the time to meditate, stretch, write in a gratitude journal or visualize a successful day ahead.

2. Make a list of your favorite things: Write down things that truly bring you joy and fill you with a sense of purpose. To ensure you're finding time to do them, schedule them in your calendar. Some ideas could be going for a run, buying fresh flowers or tackling an arts

and crafts project.

3. Invest in new gear: Sometimes the best motivator for getting active is a new piece of clothing or accessory you feel confident wearing.

"New footwear is a great way to support health and wellness goals, while helping you stay motivated to invest in self-care activities," says Randy Woodworth, women's athletic buyer for Rack Room Shoes.

To help you on your healthy self-care path, invest in something that is comfortable and can easily transition between activities. For one-stop shopping for footwear and other accessories to help you reach your self-care goals, visit the Athletic Shop at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online at rackroomshoes.com.

4. Take regular walks outside: Never underestimate the power of exercise and fresh air. Find the time that is most convenient for you, whether that's first thing in the morning, during a lunch break or after dinner.

Once you've got the plan in place, get into a self-care routine that works for you and stick with it.

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William (Bill) Monroe Scott

12-20-1924 to 03-15-2019

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William (Bill) Monroe Scott, 94, Mound City, Kan., passed away Friday, March 15, 2019, at his home near Mound City. Bill was born Dec. 20, 1924, to Leo Bertner and Elizabeth (Hahn) Scott at his home in rural Mound City.

He attended his eight years of elementary school at rural Kincaid, southwest of Mound City, and graduated from Mound City High School in 1942.

On May 18, 1947, he married the love of his life, Rubie Mae Blackman, in Pleasanton, Kan.

Following high school, he drove for Vess Cola, Pleasanton, owned and operated his own truck line, worked on the assembly line at the B O Plant in Kansas City, and had a Kansas City Star route. For many years he worked at the Sunflower ammunition plant, then Gracy Electric Co. of Olathe. For 19 years he was the head electrician for the Olathe School District, retiring in 1988 and returning to Mound

City to help build a new home on the 20 acres that he and his wife Rubie had cleared.

Community was important to Bill. He was a member of the Olathe United Methodist Church and the Mound City United Methodist Church, an active member of the Republican Party serving as a precinct person for many years, and he and Rubie were instrumental in organizing the Mound City Medical Foundation. Ever the outdoorsman, Bill enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening and mowing the lawn. Always a people person, Bill enjoyed spending time with family and friends whether sharing his garden produce, playing a game of cards or cribbage, or just visiting. Bill was also an avid bird and deer watcher. After retirement, Bill and Rubie traveled on bus tours to all 50 states, all provinces of Canada, the Islands, Mexico and many other countries.

Bill was preceded in death by four brothers, Waldo, Charles, Calvin, and L.D.; and five sisters, Leah Ellis, Gladys Ward,



Theresa Noggle, Ellen Stutsman and Ester Teeter.

Survivors include his loving wife, Rubie, of the home; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 19, at Mound City United Methodist Church with nephew Jeff Blackman officiating. Burial followed in Curry Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Bill may be made to any of the following: Care to Share, Mound City Medical Foundation or the Mound City United Methodist Church Funeral Dinner Fund. Donations may be mailed to the funeral home, P.O. Box J, Mound City, KS 66056. Friends and family may leave online condolences at www.schneiderfunerals.com.

Why breakfast really is the most important meal of the day

(StatePoint) You've probably heard the saying, "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." While there is some conflicting research that questions the importance of eating breakfast for weight loss, many other researchers conclude there are, in fact, many benefits for starting your day with a morning meal.

Briana Rodriguez, a Registered Dietitian with Jenny Craig, offers the inside scoop on breakfast and why there's still truth in that old saying, especially for those trying to improve their health.

Breakfast Basics
"Breakfast literally means 'breaking the fast,'" Rodriguez explains. "Blood sugar, also known as glucose, powers your muscles and brain. After 7-9 hours of sleep, blood sugar is naturally low and you need to replenish your energy stores."

But what if there's no time to spare in the morning? Rest assured, there are quick, easy breakfasts you can grab on-the-go.

Why Breakfast Matters
Although skipping meals or eating very little in the morning may seem like a sure-fire way to lose weight, Rodriguez explains it's not so simple.

"When you skip breakfast, you'll likely overcompensate later, eating your largest meal at night because you're extremely hungry. And that's not good if your intention is

weight loss." Making breakfast your largest meal of the day, also known as "front-loading," can lead to a healthier weight.

"Since digestion slows during sleep, late-night calories are less easily metabolized and will likely be stored instead of used as energy," Rodriguez explains. "A balanced, substantial breakfast works with your metabolism at its peak, helping support weight loss efforts naturally."

An added bonus? Weight loss isn't the only potential benefit of having a good breakfast; a 2013 study published in "Obesity" suggests other health gains in addition to weight loss, such as decreased risk of heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

How Should Your Day Look?
The quality of food you eat also matters. Here's an example of what Rodriguez suggests a typical day look like:

• Breakfast and lunch should be satisfying, protein-rich and include a small amount of healthy fats and carbohydrates.

Think: an egg and veggie scramble with a piece of fruit for breakfast or chicken with veggies and pasta alongside a green salad for lunch.

• Dinner should be light and include a lean protein and lots of non-starchy vegetables. Rodriguez

suggests decreasing carbs in the evening.

Think: meatloaf with veggies or something like Jenny Craig's Three Cheese Macaroni with Broccoli and Carrots.

• Snacks are an important part of the equation too. Rodriguez recommends snacks under 200 calories, spaced between meals. Choose something with protein and fiber to help keep you feeling full.

Think: a small apple with a teaspoon of nut butter, or nonfat Greek yogurt with a handful of berries.

Consider weight loss programs that embrace the science around the body's natural circadian rhythm, such as Jenny Craig's newest program, Rapid Results, to help optimize metabolism and accelerate weight loss.

Also, look for programs that offer satisfying breakfasts with just the right amount of proteins, carbohydrates and fats. The Jenny Craig program offers over 20 chef-crafted, nutritionist-designed breakfast items. For more information, or to book a free appointment with a personal weight loss consultant, visit jennycraig.com.

Eating breakfast may improve your health in more ways than one. The next time you're rushing out the door in the morning, don't forget to grab something good to eat — your body will thank you!

Billy Paul Brown

10-14-1947 to 03-16-2019

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Billy Paul Brown, age 71, most recently of Blue Mound, Kan., died Saturday, March 16, 2019, as the result of an accident. He was born at Fort Scott, Kan., on Oct. 14, 1947, the son of Rolla and Margie Black Brown.

He graduated from Mound City High School. Billy served his country during the Vietnam War in the United State Army.

He was married to his wife, Julie. She preceded him in death. Also preceding him were his parents; and two brothers, Terry and Ricky Brown.

He worked as a laborer

in the construction industry and was a member of the Laborer's Union.

Billy is survived by two sons, Brad and Billy Brown; two daughters, Bradi Barnes and Casi Ragland; and grandchildren, Trentin, Treytin, Tiffany, Tayler and Alycia; and two sisters, Debby Lewis and Linda Hall and husband Dave — who along with niece Kelley Harvey, nephew Chad Allen and his wife Tara — have looked after and cared for Billy.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2019, at the Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory, Pleasanton Chapel. Burial will be in the Fort Scott National Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to service time.

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Weight loss willpower: 5 tips to reach your goals

(StatePoint) When you're trying to reach your goal weight, it can sometimes feel like booby traps are around every corner: TV ads for big burgers, easy-to-grab snacks at checkout, and birthday cake after birthday cake at work.

It's time to fight back. Use these five tips from the experts at Nutrisystem to turn your whole world into a willpower-generating super machine and keep flying toward your goals.

• In the Kitchen: STOCK UP. Part of what makes bad-for-you foods easy to grab is that they're, well, so easy to grab -- just unwrap it or dig your hand in a bag, and you're satisfying your hunger faster than you realize what you're eating. The solution: Make "unlim-

ited" foods just as easy to eat in a hurry. Chop celery, broccoli, cucumbers and other no-guilt options long before you're hungry so when you want a quick snack, they're as handy as a handful of chips.

"Healthy snacks will keep you on-track without sabotaging your progress," says Courtney McCormick, manager of clinical research and nutrition at Nutrisystem. "Vegetables are high in fiber and will keep you full longer than unhealthy options."

• In the car: GET PACKED. Have you ever come home from work planning to go to the gym... and then you don't? The couch feels a little too comfortable or the pile of mail distracts you and you wind up skipping your

sweat session? A little preparation can shut down this excuse: Keep a fully-packed gym bag in your car or at work. You won't even need to come home before heading to your class, run, swim or strength session.

• Around town: ARM YOURSELF. You can't always sit down to a fresh meal or snack. But you can be ready when cravings strike: Carry a packet of Nutrisystem FreshStart Shakes, a sandwich bag of raw almonds or homemade trail mix. This way, when you need a little blood sugar spike, you're ready with options that you control, rather than letting hunger pangs steer you toward something you regret.

• On your phone: PICTURE ACHIEVEMENT. People check their phones on average 52 times a day, according to a recent Deloitte study. Let each instance push you toward your goals. Change the background on your lock screen to an image that

inspires you to stick with your plan. They're easy to find: Fire up Pinterest and search for "inspiration," "motivation" or other keywords that you like.

• At work: MOVE AWAY FROM THE DISH. Few things in life sabotage the best diet plans faster than the workplace candy dish. You're working on something, hit a wall, get up for a walk and there it is, right in the breakroom: a huge bowl of gum drops. Decrease your tendency to grab from the communal bowl by moving away from it. Scientists found that subjects ate 1.8 more pieces of candy daily when the bowl was placed on their desk versus two meters away.

More tips for achieving weight loss goals can be found at Nutrisystem.com.

Don't get derailed. A few smart habits can help you avoid temptation and remember your long-term goals.

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Library receives afghan



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The Mound City Library receives a handmade afghan on Monday, March 18, as a thank you from the crocheting class offered through the library. Pictured with the afghan, left to right, are library director Ginny Clarke, Phyllis Spainhoward, Sherry Hindman, Shirlee Mayfield, Kathy Alumbaugh, class instructor Linda Klee, Jean Harvey and librarian Karen Schuler. Not available at the time of the picture was Jean Ray.

BY ROCKY BELTZ

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Ginny Clarke, library director, and librarian Karen Schuler at the Mound City Library were presented with an afghan for the library on Monday, March 18, by a group of ladies that meet each week for a crocheting class offered through the library. Instructor Linda Klee, also of Mound City, works with the ladies on

different projects and patterns throughout the class sessions.

There were eight ladies involved in completing the afghan, each of the ladies crocheting six squares apiece. The finished afghan measures six by eight squares with a border completed by Klee. Each of the eight ladies took home a row and stitched it together, returning it to Klee for final touches before the

presentation.

The afghan is now on display at the library. If you would like to join this or any other classes offered through the library, please contact Clarke or Schuler at 913-795-2788, or simply stop by and they can give you a complete schedule of upcoming events ranging from crocheting to afternoon movies and a little bit of everything in between.

Librarians attend workshop

Karen Schuler of Mound City Public Library, Wendy Morlan and Lia Duckwall of Pleasanton Public Library, LaVeda Riggs of LaCygne/Linn County No. 2 Public Library, Brenda Curtis and Annie Becker of Blue Mound Library, and Kay Bowman of Parker/Linn County No. 1 Public Library attended the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) Summer Reading Workshop at the North Community Building in Iola on March 5.

Library staff attending the workshop were able to network with others from the surrounding libraries and share favorite summer ideas in a lightning round question and

answer session. Research indicates that summer reading programs in the library help children and teens retain and enhance their reading skills.

Will Stuck, featured speaker, presented ideas, websites, songs and games to be used with the summer 2019 theme of "A Universe of Stories." Valetta Cannon, Fort Scott Public Library; Lesa Cole, Iola Public Library; and Kandi Wilson and Janea Lawrence, Chanute Public Library presented themed ideas for decorating the library during summer.

Election and installation of officers were held. Officers for the 2019-2020 year are president, Peg Stroup; vice-president, Dian Dotts; record-

ing secretary; Kathy Holt; corresponding secretary, Cathy Stroup; treasurer, Carol Shugart; chaplain, Meg Holt; guard, Meredith Ison; and delegate to State Convention, Peg Stroup. A program was presented by Joyce Sargent with facts about the Educational Loan Fund, a project of P.E.O.

Next meeting will be March 26 at the F&M Bank's community hall.

Chapter CV P.E.O.

SUBMITTED BY
CAROL SHUGART
CLUB REPORTER

Chapter CV of P.E.O. met on Tuesday, March 12. The meeting was held at F&M Bank's community hall in Mound City. Anita Medlin served as hostess and Kathy Holt as co-hostess. Fourteen members were present for the evening.

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Spring is in air



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sweet succulents make for a beautiful display of nature. Attendees at this month's meeting will each receive a succulent for your own garden.

SUBMITTED BY
MARY JO LEISURE
Friends of Pleasanton Gardening

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, Friends of Pleasanton Gardening will meet at the Pleasanton Lincoln Library.

Our speaker this month is Theresa Miller of Pleasanton. She is a designer and a master gardener who loves digging in the dirt. She calls herself a dirt lover who loves inside and outside gardens alike. She will be discussing how to "separate" multi-

plants for spring, introduce spring projects and start seeds, and will plant a "multiplied" succulent for each person to take home.

All are welcome. Please join us and take home your own succulent.

We need YOU!

If you've ever brought your children, or grandchildren, to the library during our Summer



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Pleasanton Librarian

Reading Programs, we invite you to join us once again. We have lots of exciting things planned this summer, beginning Tuesday, June 4. We'll be sure to let you know what's coming as our schedule is finalized.

In the meantime, perhaps you would consider helping us gather supplies for the many craft and learning activities we have planned. Perhaps you have some of these items in your home already. Or, perhaps you could begin saving some before our program begins. If you

have any questions about sizes or number of items to save, please give us a call, 913-352-8554.

Here are some of the items we will need: glass jars with lids (i.e., Mason jars, Starbucks coffee, Voss water, etc.); mini pie tins; clear plastic cocktail cups and/or condiment cups; Dove Body wash or International Delight creamer bottles; metal findings that resemble gears and buttons; 2-liter or 1-liter pop bottles; clear glass votive/tea light jars; 4 oz.-6 oz. jars (glass or plastic); small bottles of clear school glue; 6-inch embroidery hoops; plain, light-colored fabric; embroidery thread (blue, yellow, purple, red, orange, light green); embroidery needles; and plastic squeeze bottles (like restaurant condi-

ment bottles).

We have printouts of this list if you prefer to work from them, or post them on your fridge. If you're intrigued about what we're planning to make with all this stuff, just ask. We've been able to get some wonderful ideas from recent workshops and Pinterest!

Currently, we have adult craft projects going on once a month, but could increase this number if there is interest this summer. The folks who have been participating have been making some beautiful items for their homes, or to give as gifts. Let us know if you're interested, and we'll share additional information. Supplies are provided, and there is no fee to participate. Come in and have some fun!

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PHS readies to launch 'The Nest'

New program offers students essentials

BY BARBARA PROFFITT
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Mitch Shaw, principal of Pleasanton High School, recently announced the school has nearly completed the installation of a new program, and plans are in the works to launch that program on April 5.

The program began as the brainchild of Melinda Dent, who while attending a football game at another school noticed a program that school had.

"The purpose of The Nest is to provide students with the essentials they may not have otherwise," added Shaw.

"We want it available but we also want it anonymous," said Bortzfield, "so kids don't feel singled out by asking for something they need."

"She (Dent) contacted the school and got the information about their

program," said Shaw, "and then she and Robin Bortzfield and a few others looked around at what they could do."

The school began putting things together, and before they knew the idea had grown into a full-fledged project that would aid students and also give others in the community an opportunity to help those in need.

"What we put together is an area where we can store essentials that students from the junior high and high school may need," added Bortzfield, "shampoo, conditioner, soap, personal items, deodorants, toothbrushes and toothpaste and more."

"People go to hotels all the time, and most bring home those little soaps and shampoos," said Shaw, "so we told people to raid their drawers and closet, and we had four bags within the first week."

The school then contacted Cary Coffey, who took the program to the Pleasanton Ministerial Alliance, and it wasn't long before they were

able to fill a three-shelf, two-piece unit with items that students can request anonymously.

"Our SAFE Club then came to us and said they would like to help with this project," said Shaw, "and they donated \$100 toward purchasing items for 'The Nest.'"

The following weekend he and his daughter Chantal, who is a member of the SAFE Club, took that money and went shopping. At this point, with the donations that had come pouring in already, they have expanded The Nest and currently have two more units like the first one full and enough items to fill two more.

Some items the school will need on a continual basis for this program are:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Cotton swabs and balls
- Sunscreen
- Makeup wipes
- Facial astringent

"We don't yet know how much it will get taken advantage of, but at least we



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The shelving unit above is one of three currently stocked and ready for the launch of Pleasanton High School's new program. 'The Nest', which allows students to obtain the essentials they need while remaining anonymous.

can have it here for those who will," stated Shaw.

The school plans to have The Nest available year-round, even during summer break, and in order to accommodate that they have set up an email that students can contact to list their needs while remaining anonymous.

Students in need of an item will simply email their list of needs to thenest@usd344.org

"Even in the summer, some of us can come over and get the student the items they need," noted Bortzfield.

For those wanting to donate to The Nest or for

more information, please contact one of the program organizers: Mitch Shaw, Melinda Dent, Robin Bortzfield, John Heidrick, Wendy Conley or Dale Brauer.

Linn County part of Lake Region Adopt-a-Bike program



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Just a few of the bicycles currently awaiting transport to Ellsworth Correctional Facility for refurbishment which will then be adopted out to other counties. For information on how to request a bike, call 913-795-2229.

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The Adopt-a-Bike program was developed by the Lake Region Resource Conservation and Development Council in 2004.

The bikes are collected at drop-off sites in the four participating counties and then sent to Ellsworth Correctional Facility to be refurbished by stripping salvageable parts from bikes that can't be refurbished and assembling those parts into a sturdy, functional bike that can then be adopted out into a community.

Bikes picked up by Linn County are refurbished

at Ellsworth and can go to any Adopt-a-Bike applicant from Franklin, Anderson or Coffey counties, but not back to Linn County. Linn County's program receives bikes donated from the three other counties and refurbished by Ellsworth.

The program partnered the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority and the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, which began its bicycle refurbishment program in 1999, in an effort to refurbish broken and discarded bicycles for other children to use. Since 2004, the Adopt-a-Bike program has donated more than 2,500 bikes to children and

adults throughout Linn, Anderson, Franklin and Coffey counties.

Drop-off location for Linn County bikes to be donated to the program, either for refurbishment or for parts, is the Linn County Landfill just east and north of Prescott on Vernon Road.

Bikes are adopted out on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no guarantees that all applicants will receive a bicycle as it is determined on availability of that area.

Bikes are taken to Ellsworth twice a year, in April and October.

The program not only works to put bikes in the

Home, garden improvements that benefit local wildlife

(StatePoint) When it comes to changing the world, your own backyard is a great place to start. As you make home improvements, consider their potential to benefit local wildlife that travel in and around your property.

Here are a few important steps you can take.

Plant native species
By planning native species exclusively in your garden and yard, you will be promoting a healthy local ecosystem while providing proper nourish-

ment and a natural habitat for visiting wildlife, whether that be insects, birds or furry creatures. Prevent bird strikes

You may not realize it, but your home poses a risk to birds. Window strikes are common among many species of migrating birds, and millions of wild birds are killed annually flying into windows.

Birds can see certain light frequencies that humans can't, so by applying UV decals and UV liquid to your home's windows and sliding glass doors, you can make windows visible to birds in a

way that won't obstruct your own view.

Build a bird house

Add beauty to your yard with a wooden bird house. Find a design you love or get creative and craft your own, using your own home's architecture for inspiration. A strategically placed bird house – either within three feet of a window or over 30 feet away – will help avoid bird strikes.

Be a good neighbor – not just to the other humans. Make improvements to your home that will help protect both local and migratory wildlife.

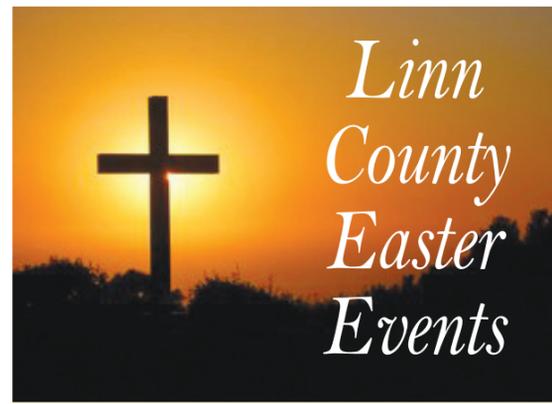
hands of children who otherwise may not have one, but also helps keep larger items such as these out of the local landfill and provides jobs for inmates at Ellsworth as well.

"I would love to see Linn County utilize this program more," said Jackie Messer, one of the two Linn County contacts for the program.

"We don't utilize near as much as we could or should," he added.

Adopt-a-Bike application forms can be found online at the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority at <https://lakeregionsolidwaste.org>, or at the USDA office in Mound City.

The Linn County contact for this program is Al Doan at 620-224-7541 or Messer at 913-795-2229.



- Parker Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in Heritage Park
- La Cygne Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, in City Park
- Mound City Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, on County Courthouse lawn

If you have an event that you would like to have added to this listing, please email the information to barbara@linncountynews.net or call 913-352-6235.

WEATHER

Wednesday, March 20
High: 55° Low: 34°
AM Clouds/PM Sun with 10% chance of precipitation
Wind: WNW at 12 mph
Thursday, March 21
High: 55° Low: 33°
Sunny with 10% chance of precipitation
Wind: NNW at 8 mph
Friday, March 22
High: 64° Low: 42°
Mostly Cloudy with 10% chance of precipitation

Wind: NE at 6 mph
Saturday, March 23
High: 60° Low: 49°
Showers with 50% chance of precipitation
Wind: SSE at 11 mph
Sunday, March 24
High: 63° Low: 52°
Thunderstorms with 80% chance of precipitation
Wind: S at 12 mph
Monday, March 25
High: 60° Low: 40°
Scattered Thunderstorms

with 50% chance of precipitation
Wind: N at 16 mph
Tuesday, March 26
High: 54° Low: 34°
Sunny with 10% chance of precipitation
Wind: N at 13 mph

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Wednesday, March 20: Birthday Day – chicken fried chicken with gravy, whipped potatoes, Tuscan vegetables, whole wheat roll, cake, and ice cream
Pleasanton – cards after lunch
Thursday, March 21: chili, crackers, stewed apples, orange juice, and cinnamon roll
Friday, March 22: tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, and strawberry banana mix

Monday, March 25: scalloped chicken, succotash, pineapple chunks, whole wheat bread, and brownie
Tuesday, March 26: beef stroganoff, pickled beets, whole wheat bread, and peaches
Wednesday, March 27: baked turkey ham, scalloped potatoes, winter mix, whole wheat roll, and fruit cobbler
Pleasanton – cards after lunch

Sports Calendar March 20 - March 27



Pleasanton:

March 26 - Track at Southeast Cherokee, 3:30 p.m.



Prairie View:

March 25 - JV Baseball at Santa Fe Trail, 4:30 p.m.

March 26 - JV/V Softball/V Baseball vs. Santa Fe Trail, 4:30 p.m.

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It's that time again to pick the 2019 All Linn County boys' basketball team.

Like the girls' teams, selection was tough this year as there were plenty of players to choose from that were on similar levels.

Pleasanton have five players selected to the teams and had an overall good season this year. They fell short in the sub-state tournament losing in the first round but had a winning regular season.

Jayhawk and Prairie View have four players each to the teams as both teams struggled this season. The Hawks and Buffalos also lost in the



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Blake Boedicker of Prairie View is one of Linn County's best boys' basketball players as he made the All Linn County boys' basketball first team.



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Mason Barrett of Jayhawk-Linn made this year's All Linn County boys' basketball first team.

Boedicker led the team with 17 points and 7 rebounds per game. He also was one of the Buffalos' best defenders with an average of around three steals per game. Boedicker was also the Buffalos' best outside shooter.

Justin Scott - Prairie View

Justin Scott was one of the Buffalos' primary scorers with Boedicker averaging around 13 points per game. Scott also averaged around 4 rebounds and 2 steals per game and was a primary defender for Prairie View.

Brance Ware - Jayhawk Linn

Brance Ware was the Hawks best overall players leading the team in multiple categories. He averaged around 13

points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals and 2.5 blocks per game.

Ware was selected to All League TRL second team and has a case for the best overall basketball player in Linn County.

Mason Barrett - Jayhawk Linn

Mason Barrett was the Hawks' best outside shooter and one of the best outside shooters in Linn County. He averaged 10 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals per game. Barrett also made the All League TRL team as an honorable mention.

Kaden McKee - Pleasanton

Kaden McKee was the Blu-Jays best overall player and like Ware and Boedicker has an

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2019 All Linn County girls' basketball teams

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It's that time of year again to select the All Linn County girls' basketball team. This year was tough as there were lots of deserving girls and fairly equal players across the board with the exception of a few.

The Pleasanton girls' team has five players on the All County team. The Lady Jays had the best season of any of the teams as they were just a missed last second shot from half court from making the State tournament.

Jayhawk and Prairie View struggled this season and both were eliminated in the first round of their respected State tournaments but both had players that had good seasons this year.

The teams are chosen by the Linn County News using stats and seeing the girls play all season. The girls' teams are divided into first and second teams with six members on each team.

**First Team
Grace Aust - Prairie View**

Grace Aust was the senior leader for the Lady Buffalos and was their overall best player. She led the team with around 9 points per game and was a team leader in steals and defensive effort. She also made the Pioneer All League second team.

Ella Sabine - Pleasanton

Ella Sabine has a strong case for the best overall girls' basketball player in Linn County. She certainly was for the Lady Jays as she averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds per game. She was also key for the team defensively in both the steals and blocks category. Sabine made the All League TRL first team this season.

Emma Sabine - Pleasanton

Emma Sabine had a great year for the Lady Jays as she averaged just



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Raygen Spencer and Ella Sabine both earn All League honors and a spot on the All Linn County girls' basketball first team.



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Emilie Nation is one of the Lady Hawks' best players as she earns a spot on the All Linn County girls' basketball first team.

over 8 points and five rebounds this season. She made the All League TRL honorable mention and was the Lady Jays' best outside shooter.

Raygen Spencer - Pleasanton

Raygen Spencer was the Lady Jays' senior point guard and floor leader this season. She averaged around 6 points and four rebounds and also led the Lady Jays in assists. Spencer was also an All League TRL honorable mention.

Alyssa Coleman - Jayhawk Linn

Alyssa Coleman averaged 7.6 points and 5 rebounds for the Lady Hawks and was one of their most consistent players. She was the team leader and an All League

TRL honorable mention pick.

Emilie Nation - Jayhawk Linn

Emilie Nation was the Hawks' best overall player as she averaged around nine points and six rebounds per game. She was also one of the best defensive players on the team leading the team in blocks.

**Second Team
Shari Dixon - Pleasanton**

Shari Dixon averaged around four points and four rebounds for the Lady Jays. She was a good defender and also was an All League TRL honorable mention pick.

Bailey Myrick - Pleasanton

Bailey Myrick missed SEE GIRLS, B2

Hawks and Twisters compete at State Folkstyle Championship

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The Linn County Twisters and Jayhawk Wrestling Club traveled to Topeka on March 16-17 to compete in the 2019 State Folkstyle Championship.

Both teams did well in the tournament which featured over 150 teams. The Hawks and Twisters both had State placers at the tournament.

Ryan Nickell wrestled 8 and under 61 for the Twisters and did not place but did go 2-2 in the tournament. Nickell won by decision over Ben Busch of Manhattan, 4-0, and over Jack Hutchinson of Manhattan, 6-2.

Kale Page wrestled 8 and under 67 for the Twisters and did not place. Page was eliminated after two matches.

Kelly Nickell wrestled 8 and under girls 33-42 and placed second in the tournament. After a bye, she defeated Natalie Ochsner of Southwest Grapplers by major decision, 12-2, and then won by fall over Lily Baladran of Hays to advance to the championship.

In the championship she lost to Kady Smith of Topeka Jr. Vikings by decision, 10-6.

Annalyn Wood wrestled 8 and under girls 71-79 and placed sixth. She won



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Denton White, third from the left, places second for the Hawks at the State Folkstyle Championship in Topeka.



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Kelly Nickell, second from the left, places second for the Twisters at the State Folkstyle Championship at Topeka.



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Landon Higgins, second from the left, places fourth for the Hawks at the State Folkstyle Championship at Topeka.

her first match over Lily Kingery by major deci-

sion, 10-2, but lost the SEE WRESTLING, B3



Ben Hockman and Kaden McKee make the first team of the All Linn County boys' basketball team.

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argument for best overall player in Linn County. McKee averaged 13 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals per game. One of the best parts of his game was his man on man defense. This year he made the All League TRL first team.

Ben Hockman - Pleasanton

Ben Hockman was the Blu-Jays' primary post player and did well averaging around 7 points and 8 rebounds per game. Hockman was also crucial on defense being one of the team leaders in steals and the team leader in blocks. Hockman was an All League TRL honorable mention this season.

Second Team Kasen McKee - Pleasanton

Kasen McKee was the Blu-Jays' primary ball handler and had a good season with around 7 points, 3 rebounds and

two steals per game.

Cole Cunningham - Pleasanton

Cole Cunningham was the Jays' best player off the bench and did a very nice job for them as he averaged around seven points and three rebounds per game. Cunningham was also one of the team's best defenders.

Austin Ralle - Pleasanton

Austin Ralle was a senior with year with Hockman and Kaden McKee. He was key in the post for the Blu-Jays along with Hockman averaging around 5 points and 5 rebounds per game.

Isaac Partida - Prairie View

Isaac Partida was the Buffalos best overall post player. He averaged around 4 points and 5 rebounds per game and was a leader on the team in blocked shots.

Cody Rose - Prairie

View

Cody Rose was one of those players who significantly improved throughout the season. He averaged around 5 points and 2 rebounds per game.

Dylan Schibi - Jayhawk Linn

Dylan Schibi can take his game to the next level for his senior season with more consistency both offensively and defensively. Schibi was key for the Hawks this season with 5 points and 3 rebounds a game both as a starter and off the bench.

Hayden Broyles - Jayhawk Linn

Hayden Broyles was a senior this season and like Rose from Prairie View he was playing his best ball toward the end of the season.

He averaged around 5 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals per game and was also one of the Hawks' best defenders.

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some playing time for the Lady Jays this season but when she did play she was very good. The Lady Jays' best bench player she averaged 7 points and 4 rebounds per game.

Abby Kellerman - Prairie View

Abby Kellerman was the Lady Buffs' primary post player. She was one of the team leaders in both point and rebounds with 6 points and 5 rebounds per game.

Kenna Walker - Prairie View

Kenna Walker was another senior leader for the Lady Buffs and averaged 5 points and 5 rebounds per game. She was also one of the better outside shooters for the Lady Buffs.

Kate Dawson - Jayhawk Linn

Kate Dawson averaged around 5.5 points and 4 rebounds for the Hawks. She was also one of the



Abby Kellerman and Grace Aust make the All Linn County girls' basketball team.

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Lady Hawks' best defenders.

Katie Gabauer - Jayhawk Linn

Katie Gabauer was one of the most consistent

players for Jayhawk. She averaged around five points and three rebounds per game and was one of the team's senior leaders.

Settlers of Linn County: the family of Shadrach Ball

BY ANGELA K. HOLT
LINN COUNTY NEWS

The 1860 U.S. Census is a great guide to learning about the early settlers to Linn County, and where they lived. Through this source and others, one can find out so much about our county and the people who lived here in the 1800s. Some stayed and planted roots here, while others only stayed a short while, but all once called Linn County home.

Shadrach D. Ball

Shadrach Ball, a Methodist minister, was born in Lee County, Va., Aug. 25, 1816. As a Methodist minister, he was recorded as being one who shared the "Abolitionist's Gospel."

He died Nov. 20, 1862, and is buried at Woodland Cemetery, Mound City.

Shadrach lived in Tennessee until around 1850, when he moved to IZARD County, Ark. He then moved to Linn County prior to the Civil War.

After the start of the Civil War, Shadrach, his three oldest sons and his son-in-law Thomas Bettes enlisted in the Union Army. One son was unable to pass the physical, but the others joined. While serving, Shadrach fell ill with typhoid fever, and his sons Arthur and George returned home to care for him. Shadrach died at his home.

Shadrach was the son of George Washington and Sarah (Moore) Ball. George was born in Lee County, Va., in 1787, and died in IZARD County in 1852. George and Sarah

"Sally" were married in Lee County in 1810. The family moved to Claiborne County, Tenn., in the 1820s.

Shadrach married Jane "Jenny" Walker on Sept. 8, 1836, in Claiborne County. Jane was born in Hancock County, Tenn., on Aug. 22, 1820, and died in 1880 in Mound City. She is buried at Woodland Cemetery. After Shadrach's death, Jane married John W. Brooks on Dec. 20, 1865. Family records show that he stole all of her money, and they soon divorced. In the 1880 census, Jane is listed as "insane."

Shadrach and Jane's children included: Mary C., Edward Wiley, George W., Arthur Ingalls, Isaac C., Sarah J., Mahala Jane and Carrie Elizabeth.

In the 1860 U.S. Census, Shadrach and his family were living in Union Township, IZARD County. He was listed as age 43, born c. 1817 in Tennessee. His wife, Jane, was age 40. Their children at home were: Polly C., 21, Edward, 20, Sarah, 18, George, 16, Arthur, 13, Isaac C., 10, all born in Tennessee; and Mahala, 5, and Carey, 2, born in Arkansas. Also in the home was Polly Ball, 28, born Illinois.

Shadrach's daughter, Mary C., was born in Claiborne County on May 1, 1838. She died in Allen County on June 12, 1910. She is buried at Elsmore Cemetery, Elsmore. On Jan. 3, 1860, Mary married Thomas Bettes in IZARD County. Thomas lived June 6, 1833, to June 8, 1907. He is also buried at

Elsmore Cemetery.

Two other daughters of Shadrach and Jane died in childhood. Mahala Jane lived 1855-1860, and Carrie Elizabeth lived 1857-1860.

One son, George Washington Ball, was born in Hancock County on Aug. 4, 1843. He died Dec. 12, 1862, in Linn County. He is buried at Woodland Cemetery. George served in Company K, 12th Kansas Infantry.

Jane, Shadrach's widow, was living in Paris Township in 1865. She was listed as a farmer, age 45, born in Tennessee in 1820. In the home were her son Isaac, 15, and daughter Polley Pettis (Bettes), 25.

Jane was still living in Paris Township in 1880. In the census she is listed as divorced, age 60. She was living in the home of her daughter Mary (Polly), age 43. Mary's husband Thomas was age 47, born in Arkansas. Also in the home were Thomas' sister, Lucy, age 19, and two men, listed as other: Albert Thurman, 47, and Archie Hubbel, 65.

Information on the sons of Shadrach and Jane will follow in future articles.

Information on the families featured here was found in the 1860 and 1880 U.S. Census; the 1865 Kansas State Census; "From Saddlebags to Satellites" by Harold Ball; familysearch.org; and www.findagrave.com.

Note: Claiborne County, Tenn., was renamed Hancock County during the 1800s.

Parker Thunderbirds 4-H meets

SUBMITTED BY
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Augusta Browning called to order the meeting of the Parker Thunderbirds on Feb. 10 at Parker Masonic Lodge. Bristol Davis led the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Harley Singer conducted a roll call: "Your Favorite Candy Bar." Fifteen members were present.

Augusta Browning read the minutes from the January meeting; they were approved as read.

Our skit took alternate purple at County Club Day on Feb. 23.

Copenhagen Browning made a motion to help with Parker Alumni; Danica Brake seconded the motion. Chylar Jones made a motion to fund \$20 towards any Thunderbird member who will be attending 4-H camp;

Coltaun Bartlett seconded the motion.

Chylar Jones gave a demonstration on the basics of chess. Zoey Lloyd gave a talk over her poster about Kansas. Tanna Jones gave a talk over her 4-H lamb project.

Chylar Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tanna Jones seconded the motion.



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WRESTLING: Kids' State wrestling at Topeka.

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fifth place match to Ayva Besco of South Central Punishers by decision, 5-2.

Landon Grogan wrestled 12 and under 64 for the Twisters and did not place but did go 2-2. He won by fall over Nathaniel Phyl of Smith County and by major decision over Austin Boatwright of Wabauunsee.

Keelea Benedick wrestled girls 115-126 and placed fifth. Benedick was 2-2 with a bye and a win in the fifth place match over Janelle Nowak of Ogden's Outlaws.

Aedin McGregor wrestled 8 and under 46 for the Hawks. He did not place but did win one match over Riley Waggoner of Quinter by major decision, 12-2.

Easton White wrestled 8 and under 58 for the Hawks. He did not place but he did win his first match by decision over German Ramirez of Junction City, 6-0.

Callahan Earnest wrestled 8 and under 88 for the Hawks. He received a bye but lost his two matches and did not place.

Landon Higgins wrestled 10 and under 55 for the Hawks and placed fourth. Higgins went 4-2



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Brooklyn Lohman, far right, places third for the Hawks at the State Folkstyle Championship at Topeka.

in the tournament and defeated Jayden Kloster of Salina, Chance Schuckman of Silver Lake, Chaseton Courtois of Ottawa Mat Masters and Levi Stewart of Coffeyville. He lost his second round match and the third place match to Kaleb Keiswetter of Con Kids.

Denton White wrestled 10 and under 67 for the Hawks. White placed second for the Hawks. He won his first three matches over Beau Bussmann of NEK Elite, Rylee Salcido of Dodge City and Murphy Randolph of Abilene. He was defeated

in the championship by Alex Robles of Ulysses by major decision, 10-1.

Andres Flores wrestled 12 and under 130 for the Hawks. Flores did not place and went 2-2 in the tournament. He had victories over Deyton Mentzer of Topeka Jr. Vikings and Walker Swanson of Kansas Thunderstruck.

Brooklyn Lohman wrestled 14 and under girls 129-137 for the Hawks and placed third. She went 2-2 with victories over Kennedy Unphress of STA and Abigail Busch of Bobcat to earn third place.

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Aaron Yoder, Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's (UNMC) College of Public Health, Department of Environmental, Agricultural & Occupational Health, says runover accidents rarely happen in a field. Most often, people are run over by a tractor in their own farm yard.

"This is the time of year farmers work on tractors to prepare them for spring field work," Yoder says. "That generally happens in an area where other adults and youth are present. When you're operating a large tractor, there's not good visibility right around the tractor. Someone – especially a child – could be right next to it and you wouldn't know it."

One practice that can help avoid tragic runover accidents is a walk around the tractor just before moving it. This would reveal not only the presence of people in a dangerous area but allow the tractor operator to see any type of obstacle that could be damaged or destroyed if it was run over. Taking those few seconds would

also help prevent damage to the tractor if some type of obstacle is in the way.

A quick review of the tractor's surroundings could also reveal potential trouble from tires frozen to the ground, at risk of becoming stuck, etc. If tires are frozen to the ground, a tractor can flip backwards when power is applied.

A quick inspection of the tractor itself can help spot any tools that were left laying on the tractor or on the ground. If a wagon or other implement is attached to the tractor, checking that the hitch is secure is also a key safety practice.

A walk-around to inspect the tractor itself can also help avoid farm-site accidents. The inspection should include looking for wear on tires or improper inflation. Particular attention should be given to identifying any liquid leaks of oil coolant or fuel. Also check for missing guards and shields.

Having a thorough understanding and knowledge of the tractor manual instructions can help operators recognize any feature or aspect of the tractor that isn't operating properly. Make sure to review the safety section of the manual a well.

"Before you start the tractor, you want to be sure the tires are properly inflated and free of any defects," Yoder says. "Check windows for any damage and look at rear-view mirrors to make sure they're properly

adjusted."

Seat belts should be free of defects or damage and the seat position should accommodate the operator.

"Never start a tractor without being in the operator's seat," Yoder says. "And always fasten the safety belt. When you're sitting inside the cab of a big, modern tractor you don't expect that there's anything that can cause you to fall out or be shaken out of that cab. The truth is, there are times when operators are knocked out of the tractor seat by an obstacle like a low-hanging branch. There's risk of bouncing out of the seat when the tractor hits an obstacle like a tree stump or boulder. You'll stay safe by doing all you can to prepare for the unexpected."

Most tractors cannot be started unless you're in the operator's seat. However, operators of older tractors sometimes stand beside them when starting them. That practice, especially if they expect the tractor is in neutral but it's in gear, puts them at great risk for being run over.

Remember to start tractors in a well ventilated areas, especially in winter when tractors are stored inside a building. "Always take a few seconds to think about safety before starting any task," Yoder adds. "Think about the hazards and what you can do to reduce potential injuries."

Study aims to keep water safe from phosphorus, sediment

K-State researcher studies effectiveness of buffer strips in capturing pollutants.

MANHATTAN – Kansas State University researcher Colby Moorberg has his eyes on several miles of the Big Blue and Little Blue rivers, the two major waterways meandering their way to Tuttle Creek Reservoir in northeast Kansas.

Moorberg, an assistant professor in the K-State Department of Agronomy, is studying the trees and grassways lining the streambanks, trying to figure out just how well they may be keeping dangerous pollutants out of the river.

"Phosphorus and sediment are two of the major concerns that have been outlined in the Kansas Water Plan," Moorberg said.

Moorberg is in the second of a two-year project looking at how well buffer strips essentially soak up phosphorus and sediment before those pollutants can get into waterways. In addition to the Big Blue and Little Blue, he's also looking at the Republican River that feeds into Milford Lake, near Junction City. Phosphorus is best

known for creating an environment in which toxic algae blooms can form in water, making it unsafe for recreation and other human and livestock uses. Milford Lake was closed to the public at various times the past two years due to dangerous levels of algae blooms.

Sediment is the soil or other organic material that fills the bottom of a waterway, especially during times when streambanks erode. Sediment prevents reservoirs from storing more water, which is a concern considering that most reservoirs are designed to aid in flood protection for nearby communities.

"The one thing I was curious about is that these buffer strips have been a common practice for 30 years, and they're still being put in, but no one has done a long-term assessment of them, to see if they fully function the way that we expected them to," Moorberg said.

Buffer strips are thought to be a good way to absorb pollutants as they move across the ground. The two most common are grassed buffer strips (called filter strips), and forested (called riparian buffer

strips).

Moorberg set up a study in which he is looking at grassed and forested strips that have been installed within various timeframes – 2 to 5 years, 5 to 15 years and more than 20 years. He said one concern is whether older buffer strips have become saturated with pollutants and thus turn into a sink for pollutants to dump into nearby rivers.

"The worst case scenario is if they are all becoming saturated, and if they erode at all, then they could potentially be a source of phosphorus as opposed to a sink," he said. "That would be a bad thing."

So far, Moorberg said the researchers have a year's worth of data. They are tracking the level of pollutants in the adjacent soils and plan to build 3-D models of the two watersheds.

What he hopes to find out by the end of this year is whether the buffer strips are able to function as a natural ecosystem, even as the forested areas

age. "If they do," he said, "there's no worry because our status quo of getting these areas started and not touching them might be the best way to manage them."

But if the older buffer strips are simply a gather-

ing point for heavy loads of pollutants, Moorberg and his team may have to determine the best strategies to routinely remove phosphorus, either by haying grass or harvesting trees and the phosphorus contained in them.

"Or we may need to do more to prevent stream-bank erosion," Moorberg said. "That's really the main mechanism by which that phosphorus

that's in the soil would be released and head downstream."

K-State's work on this project is being done in coordination with the Kansas Forest Service, with cooperation from landowners, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources and Conservation Service and local conservation districts.

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USDA outlines eligibility for 2019 Supplemental Coverage Option regarding elections for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA) has announced that producers who purchased or plan to purchase the 2019 Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) policy were to report Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) election intentions to their crop insurance agent by March 15, or the acreage reporting date, whichever is later.

Producers have the option to elect either ARC or PLC through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to receive benefits. The 2018 Farm Bill allows producers to make an election in 2019, which covers the 2019 and 2020 crop years.

The Federal Crop

Insurance Act prohibits producers from having SCO on farms where they elect ARC. Because of the timing of the Farm Bill, FSA's ARC/PLC election period will not occur until after the SCO sales closing dates and acreage reporting dates.

Producers who purchased SCO policies with sales closing dates of Feb. 28, 2019, or earlier were able to cancel their SCO policy by March 15, 2019. This allowed producers, particularly those who intended to elect ARC for all their acres, to no longer incur crop insurance costs for coverage for which they would not be eligible.

Producers with SCO coverage were to have the option to file an ARC/PLC acreage intention report with their crop insurance

agent by the later of the acreage reporting date or March 15. This report was to adjust the acreage report by specifying the intended ARC or PLC election by FSA Farm Number. The number of eligible acres on farms with an intention of PLC will be the number of acres insured for SCO regardless of any actual elections made with FSA. If a producer does not file an ARC/PLC acreage intention report, SCO will cover all acres as though the producer elected PLC.

The existing penalties for misreporting eligible acreage on the SCO endorsement will not apply in 2019.

Additional details about SCO can be found at www.rma.usda.gov.

USDA seeks nominations for advisory committee on agriculture statistics

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is seeking nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics. Members of this committee advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing and content of periodic agricultural censuses, surveys of agriculture and other related industries. The committee also makes recommendations on the content of agriculture reports and represents the views and data needs of suppliers and users of agricultural statistics.

"The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics serves an important role in guiding NASS programs," says NASS Administrator, Hubert Hamer. "This diverse panel of experts helps keep us current

with data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment. Committee members also help keep NASS informed of emerging issues in the agriculture community that can affect our statistical activities."

The committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, consists of 22 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests including, but not limited to, agricultural producers, national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, state agricultural organizations, organic agriculture, local and regional food systems, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts. Members serve a staggered two-year term and can serve up to three terms for a total

of six consecutive years. The charter was recently renewed and nominations are currently being sought.

To submit a nomination, complete the AD-755 form, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information, available as a pdf on the NASS website.

The completed form must be received by *March 29* by one of the following methods:

Email: Scan the completed form and email it to: HQA@nass.usda.gov
 eFax: (855) 493-0445
 Mail: Nominations may be mailed to Kevin Barnes, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., South Building Room 5041-A, Washington, DC 20250.

Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab at K-State establishes SOILS Consortium with global partners

USAID, International Fertilizer Development Center partner to improve soil fertility in sub-Saharan Africa.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Three global leaders in agricultural research and international development are joining together to improve livelihoods of the world's poorest populations by increasing soil fertility.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification (SIIL) at Kansas State University, the International Fertilizer Development Center and the United States Agency for International Development jointly committed to the creation and support of a consortium called the Sustainable Opportunities for Increasing Livelihoods with Soils.

The primary goal of the SIILS consortium is improving the soil fertility in the most vulnerable regions of sub-Saharan Africa.

"Healthy soil is key for

producing healthy plants and healthy animals, which will ultimately lead to healthy humans," said Vara Prasad, K-State University Distinguished Professor and director of SIIL. "Fertile and healthy soils are the foundation for nutritious food production and important for resilient and sustainable livelihoods."

The consortium will bring together important national and international partners in developing and implementing soil health and fertility-enhancing innovations across large geographical regions.

"The SIILS consortium will provide a global platform to bring multidisciplinary teams of scholars from biophysical sciences, social sciences, policymakers and donors to discuss and identify holistic solutions and develop a roadmap toward enhancing soil fertility and restoring the health of our soils," said Jerry Glover, senior sustainable agricultural systems advisor for USAID.

Through innovative research, coordination, capacity building, networking, data sharing and communication approaches, the SOILS consortium will work to provide sustainable solutions to build resilient households with access to nutritious food.

Zach Stewart, SOILS consortium program manager and research assistant professor with SIIL, believes the consortium model is critical for achieving these goals.

"Though there have been numerous initiatives aiming to improve soil fertility in sub-Saharan Africa, they have often been siloed and limited in duration, and often duplicated due to limited coordination," he said. "The SOILS consortium aims to bring together leading soil health activities across major production zones in sub-Saharan Africa, and through synergies with these key partners, to help develop unified regional strategies to improve soil health."

Uendra Singh, director of research at IFDC, says nurturing healthy soils is crucial to healthy

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Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission to meet in Topeka

PRATT – The Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission will conduct a public meeting on March 28 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Emerald Rooms, in Topeka. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. Time will be set aside for public comment on non-agenda items at the beginning of both the afternoon and evening sessions.

The first items for discussion in the afternoon include a report on agency fiscal status, a 2019 legislative session update, and tourism update. The General Discussion session will start with the redrawing for one Commissioner Big Game Permit, followed by discussions on: fees, threatened and endangered species regulations, an update on upland birds, and backcountry access passes.

Workshop Session items – items that will be voted on at a future Commission meeting – include U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), e-licensing, e-bicycle use on trails and in parks, public land regulations, furbearer regulations, webless mi-

gratory bird regulations, waterfowl regulations, deer season on Fort Riley, and antelope season.

The Commission will recess by 5 p.m. and reconvene at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing and vote on the following items:

- Removing fees for duplicate licenses
- Squirrel hunting regulations; use of calls
- Public lands regulations; use of portable blinds
- Hunting, fishing, furharvesting license and state park permits; removing requirement for trail pass
- Elk; open season, bag limit and permits
- Big game regulations; legal equipment and taking methods
- Big game permit applications; adjusting resident permit application periods
- Deer season; open season, bag limit and permits

The Commission will also hear deer permit allocations for Secretary's Orders.

If necessary, the Commission will reconvene at 9 a.m. at the same location, March 29, to complete any unfinished business. Should this occur, time will again be set aside for public comment on non-agenda items.

Information about the

Commission, as well as the March 28 meeting agenda and briefing book, can be downloaded at ksoutdoors.com/KDWPT-Info/Commission/Upcoming-Commission-Meetings.

Live video and audio streaming of the meeting will be available at ksoutdoors.com, and live updates of the Public Hearing will be tweeted on the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's (KDWPT) Twitter account, @KDWPT.

If notified in advance, the Department will have an interpreter available for the hearing impaired. To request an interpreter, call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698. Any individual with a disability may request other accommodations by contacting the KDWPT Commission secretary at (620) 672-5911.

The next KDWPT Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. 5th St., in Colby.

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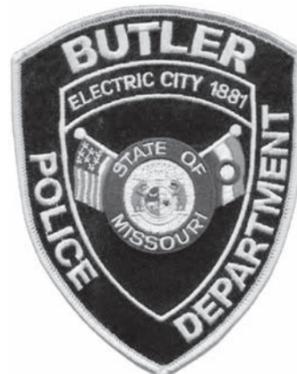


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Notice of Hearing

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Jane Elizabeth Downing, Deceased

Case No. 19-PR- 5

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 31, 2019, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Sean Thomas O'Neill, an heir, devisee, and legatee of Jane Elizabeth Downing, decedent, requesting that

Petitioner be appointed as the Executor.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they

shall be forever barred.

Sean Thomas O'Neill
Petitioner_____

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- Hideouts
- Where one sleeps
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- Hammer is one
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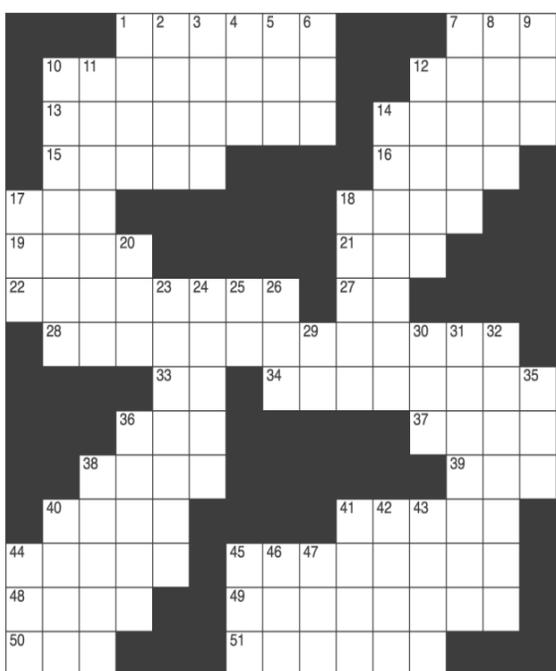
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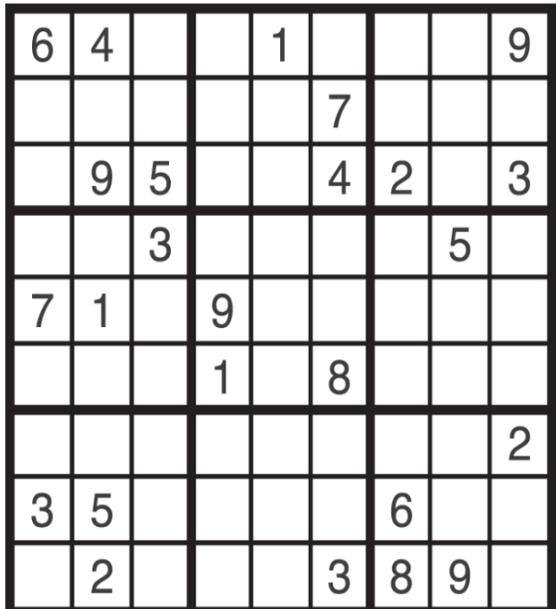
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- Payroll company
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- Fifth note of a major scale
- Prepares
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- Official
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- Sanders was one
- Talkative
- Rips apart
- Chinese Muslim
- Rapid eye movements
- Song
- Spent it all
- Somber
- Cycles per second
- Naturally occurring material
- "Orange is the New Black" character

Answers on B6



SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Answers on B6

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Linn County Resolution # 19-03

Published in the *Linn County News*, March 20, 2019 (12-1tc)

Before the Board of County Commissioners Linn County, Kansas **Resolution # 19-03** A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CUP 1901 (Maple Ranch) TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A BUNKHOUSE FOR SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE "A" AGRICULTURAL ZONE

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S.A. 12-753; and

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June

22, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did, on January 23rd, 2019, publish a notice of a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit #CUP 1901, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757(b); and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on February 12, 2019 to consider said Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a Bunkhouse for short term accommodation in the Agricultural Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission after review and consideration of all plans, reports and testimonies did, by unanimous vote, recommend approval of said Conditional Use Permit based on the following findings:

- The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- The proposed use conforms to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- Staff recommends approval of the application.

and subject to the following condition:

Property to be developed and used as shown on the submitted plans and documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, after review of the recommendation of the Planning Commission together with all public comment finds to issue said Conditional

Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission on property described in Section 1:

SECTION 1: Conditional Use Permit #1901 is hereby issued on the following described property: The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 22, Range 23 all in Linn County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of March, 2019.

Rick James
Chairman

Mike Page
Vice-Chairman

Vicki Leonard
Member

Attest:
David Lamb
Clerk

Notice of Sale

Published in the *Linn County News*, March 6, 13 and 20, 2019 (10-3tc)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK, a Kansas Banking Corporation, Plaintiff and Judgment Creditor,

vs.

COLT L. UMPHENOUR, CANDACE R. UMPHENOUR, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS, and STATE OF INDIANA Defendants and Judgment Debtors.

Case No. 2018 CV 000231

Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution and Order of Sale issued to me by the Judge of the District Court of Linn County, Kansas in the above-entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, on

the South front steps of the Linn County Courthouse, at Mound City, Kansas, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the following real estate situated in Linn County, Kansas, to-wit:

LOTS NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12), THIRTEEN (13), FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15), ALL IN BLOCK TWENTY-SIX (26), IN THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT, LINN COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF,

together with all fixtures and appurtenances thereto, to satisfy the judgment in the above entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the approval of and the redemption period set by the Court.

Dated: February 28, 2019

Paul Filla, Sheriff of Linn County, KS

Submitted by:
THE REYNOLDS LAW FIRM, P.A.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA Plaintiff,

vs.

Nathan Vannorman, Tiffany Vannorman, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 18CV216

K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Linn, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 18CV216, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest

bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 03/29/2019, at the front door of Linn County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Linn, State of Kansas, to wit:

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SHERIFF OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,
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FOR THE RECORD

ADJUDICATED CASES

Terry D. Crump, guilty plea, maximum speed limits, fines and fees \$213 (Case 2019-TR-000048)
Taylor Sue Male, guilty plea, maximum speed limits, fines and fees \$153 (Case 2018-TR-000772)
James Howard Matthews, deferred adjudication, vehicles, unlawful acts, e.g., registration, fines and fees \$328 (Case 2018-TR-000790)
James Howard Matthews, deferred adjudication, vehicle liability insurance required, unknown circumstance, fines and fees \$300 (Case 2018-TR-000790)
Adam Wilson McDougal, deferred adjudication, fish and game enforcement, licenses, fines and fees \$408

(Case 2019-FG-000001)
Adam Wilson McDougal, deferred adjudication, taking or dealing in wildlife, fines and fees \$150 (Case 2019-FG-000001)
Karin Sue Nielsen, deferred adjudication, maximum speed limits, fines and fees \$265 (Case 2019-TR-000007)
Matthew M. Whitmore, bench trial-guilty verdict, maximum speed limits, fines and fees \$183 (Case 2018-TR-000719)

and struck a gas meter. (Case 190199)
 On 3-16-19, **John William Frazee**, La Cygne, was traveling westbound on Kansas Highway 152 when vehicle struck a deer. (Case 190214)

LINN COUNTY ARREST REPORTS

On 3-15-19, **Carol A. Hites**, 57, Mapleton, was arrested for possession of opiate, opium, narcotic or certain stimulant; possession of hallucinogenic drug; and possession of depressant. (Case 190212)
 On 3-15-19, **Leroy James Anderson Jr.**, 28, Prairie Village, was arrested for possession of marijuana, one prior conviction; and driving while suspended,

first conviction. (Case 190213)
 On 3-17-19, **Leslie Robert Thompson**, 57, La Cygne, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs/ alcohol, first conviction, blood/breath .08 or greater. (Case 190216)
 On 3-2-19, a 16-year-old juvenile was arrested for aggravated assault; and criminal damage to property, without consent, value less than \$1,000. (Case 190181)

LINN COUNTY OFFENSE REPORTS

On 3-12-19, **Martin L. Bland**, Blue Mound, reported a burglary to his dwelling in Blue Mound with intent to steal a firearm. (Case 190202)

LINN COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS

On 3-12-19, **Derrick Wayne Nangle**, Bronson, was traveling westbound on Kansas Highway 52 and lost control due to water on the road. He continued into the south ditch

Kansas companies honored for pollution prevention efforts

Kansas State University provides assistance to businesses, communities.
WICHITA — Three Kansas businesses have been honored for their efforts in preventing and reducing environmental pollution.
 Smithfield Packaged Meats Corporation in Junction City received a Pollution Prevention with Distinction Award, and Johns Manville of McPherson and Marriot Hotel in Wichita were recognized for their pollution prevention efforts.

The 2018 awards, also called P2 Awards, were given by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for going beyond what is required of them to protect the environment.

Pollution prevention awards are given for projects by businesses or communities that do more than comply with the law. They reduce generation of waste and pollution at the source by using less water, energy, hazardous materials, or other resources. These activities show how pollution prevention projects can reduce emissions and wastes at the source and save companies money, improving overall sustainability.

Smithfield Packaged Meats in Junction City received a Pollution Prevention with Distinction Award for implementing several projects. Two were related to the plant's packaging processes, including modifying machine dies, resulting in 89,700 pounds of material avoidance, 7,200 pounds of waste reduction, and \$327,000 savings annually. The second entailed replacing a packaging machine with two of a newer model that allowed for the use of less packaging material, reducing solid waste by 73.08 tons and saving \$56,000 in labor costs annually. The installation of a new liquid smoke

system also allowed the plant to recirculate water used in this portion of its process, reducing water usage by 63,000 gallons a week, saving \$14,280 annually.

Fiberglass manufacturer Johns Manville replaced its cold glue system with a less toxic hot-melt alternative, eliminating 1 ton of hexane emissions. The move protects the health of the company's employees by reducing exposure to hazardous air pollutants and volatile organic compounds, as well as eliminating 1,960 pounds of hazardous waste, saving \$1,780 annually.

The Wichita Marriott hotel implemented several changes aligned with national corporate goals related to reducing water intensity, carbon intensity, and landfill and food waste, and to relying more on renewable energy. It's replaced most of its fluorescent lighting with LEDs, with plans to convert entirely by the end of the year, upgraded its HVAC systems and elevators, converted to durable goods for coffee over disposable, provides conference attendees with one sheet of paper rather than a full tablet, and is diverting excess food to staff or the Kansas Food Bank instead of the landfill. The hotel has reduced its annual energy use by approximately 1.7 million kWh, saving \$133,000 annually, and saved 1.2 tons of paper.

Kansas State University's Pollution Prevention Institute partners with KDHE to promote the P2 awards to industry partners and provides applicants with technical assistance related to calculating and reporting data and other aspects of the application. More information about the awards is available online. More information about the PPI is also available online.

Linn County Resolution # 19-02

Published in the *Linn County News*, March 20, 2019 (12-1tc)

Before the Board of County Commissioners Linn County, Kansas
Resolution # 19-02
 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND CHANGING ZONING ON SPECIFIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S. A. 12-753; and

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June 22, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, the Linn

County Planning Commission did, on January 23rd, 2019, publish a notice of a public hearing to consider rezoning a 3 acre tract of land in Section 34, Township 22s., Range 22e. in Linn County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows:

A three (3) acre lot shown as Lot #1 on the face of the plat of The Osborn Place, a plat of record located in the SW Corner of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34.

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on February 12th, 2019 to consider said rezoning from A – Agricultural to A/R – Agricultural/Residential; and after review and consideration of the findings,

reports and testimonies did, by 6-0 vote, recommend approval of said rezoning of the subject tract to the classification of A/R – Agricultural/Residential with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed change conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed change conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) The proposed change matches zoning of nearby properties.
- 4) The proposed change will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) The proposed change will benefit the public health, safety and welfare.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Linn County Board of County Commissioners, after

review of the Planning Commission's recommendation, findings and testimony hereby vote to change the zoning classification of said tract to: A/R – Agricultural/Residential and amend the Official Zoning Map to reflect such change.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, this 4th day of March, 2019.

Rick James
Chairman

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Attest:
David Lamb - Clerk

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 _____ and _____ is /are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of **LINN** County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in **LINN** 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 landowner's expense and placing a lien on 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 \$1,500.

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 Department 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 **LINN** County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.

La Cygne Public Hearing

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LA CYGNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of La Cygne Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on discussion and amendments to Article 27 of the City of La Cygne Zoning Regulations.

Discussion of the calculation of the square footage of signs and amending the definition of flashing signs.

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of La Cygne Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing proposing to amend Article 24.

allow for secondary structures on a lot that does not have a primary structure while following all setbacks to allow for a primary structure at a later date.

The public hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the La Cygne City Hall, 206 Commercial Street, La Cygne, Kansas. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate at this Public Hearing.

Copies of the proposed amendments to Article 27 and Article 24 are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, La Cygne City Hall, 206 Commercial Street.

/s/ Jodi Wade, City Clerk
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The black cats

BY LARRY DABLEMONT

In Texas about 8 or 10 years ago, an animal attacked a young girl, about 11 or 12 years old, and the fact that she survived is nothing but a miracle.

Her skull was torn badly, nearly crushed and her scalp was gone. She underwent surgery for seven hours, her heart stopping several times.

Today she is a young woman of 19 or 20 years of age, and recently she was on the Animal Planet television network (one of the few stations I watch) talking about what happened to her.

She insists she was attacked by a black panther, but wildlife people in Texas say there are none in the state and she must be wrong. Surely it was a dog, they say. The young lady says they weren't there, she was! Because there are so many people in the Midwest who insist they have seen black panthers, I thought it might make a good article to talk about just what black panthers are and where they have been found in long ago days.

First of all, there are black panthers in Africa and parts of Asia. They are a color phase of the regular leopard. About ten percent of all leopards are black ... what they call a 'melanistic phase.' There are black panthers in South America and Central America and Mexico today; they are black jaguars. Again, of the jaguars, only about ten percent or so are black.

If you compare the two

cats, you would much rather be attacked by the leopard than the jaguar. Leopards weigh up to 170 pounds and rarely there will be a male make it to 200 pounds. Back in the 1920s when my grandfather found a black leopard in his johnboat on the Big Piney River, eating a muskrat carcass, it was a domesticated cat that had escaped captivity and didn't weigh more than 100 pounds. The story of that black cat, and the man who killed it eventually is in my spring issue of the Ozark Journal magazine.

A jaguar might have been more dangerous, even a domesticated one. Jaguars get huge, bigger than mountain lions. It is not unusual for jaguars to weigh 250 to 275 pounds and some males have weighed more than 300 pounds. Only tigers and lions are bigger, and few cats are more ferocious. In early times, Spanish explorers found them to be formidable predators and they were very much afraid of them. Many black jaguars lived in the southern half of Louisiana and Texas in swampy, forested country.

The last U.S. populations of jaguars were found in southern Arizona and there were good numbers of them found in the Grand Canyon not all that long ago. But again, most jaguars aren't black. The melanistic phase of jaguars are often seen in Mexico's Sonora mountains bordering Arizona, and it is not out of the question that wandering males, which might cover

a hundred or more miles in a short time, might be venturing into Texas or New Mexico or Louisiana as well as Arizona. But it is a long stretch to think that a black jaguar would actually travel up into the Ozark country of Arkansas or Oklahoma or Missouri.

If they did, they would not hesitate to kill cattle, or perhaps even attack a person. And the girl in Texas who had her skull nearly crushed insists that one attacked her. How do jaguars kill their prey? By crushing the skull. They are so big and strong they have killed large alligators with that skull-crushing tactic. Jaguars are not so rare down to the south, wildlife people estimate that there are likely up to 20,000 of them in that habitat from South America into southern Mexico. But it is said there are only a few hundred in northern Mexico mountains.

To me it is a real puzzle as to what Ozark folks are seeing when they see what they call a black panther. I would expect any large cats in the Ozarks to be dark colored mountain lions, but melanistic phases of those animals are nearly non-existent. I hope there are no black jaguars in Arkansas or Missouri because mountain lions

are dangerous enough. Jaguars would be much more dangerous; they fear humans much less and are so much more savage. But they are elusive, somewhat nocturnal cats in their natural habitat, which is thick and swampy in the far south, and thick cover in the mountains. They don't like people and those who have tried to find and photograph black jaguars say it is next to impossible to get one in the open during the day.

I have seen mountain lions in both Missouri and Arkansas, even though for so many years the state-employed biologists insisted I was just making it up. They don't say that anymore. I have never seen a black jaguar, but I am not going to ridicule someone who says they did. That young girl in Texas was never believed, but what happened to her was not done by a dog. A black jaguar, if one exists anywhere in the U.S., is the worst problem we would have to deal with short of a grizzly bear or tyrannosaurus rex.

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people, countries and environment. "Increasing efficiency, sustainability and resilience of agricultural systems requires inter- and trans disciplinary approach that the SOILS Consortium provides through its vision and core partners," Singh said. "People across all walks of life are beginning to realize that healthy and fertile soils are key to political stability, food and nutritional security and environmental stewardship. This further highlights the timeliness of the SOILS Consortium."

By combining the strengths of each of the partners' organizations, the SOILS Consortium will implement a holistic training and support system with measurable impacts for success. In order to provide a sustainable solution to increase the long-term benefits of soil health and household nutrition, the consortium will use technical training to improve inorganic fertilizer systems and encourage organic material usage to strengthen legume and agro forestry systems and to enable producers to access markets through new technology and practices.

The SOILS Consortium was officially launched March 15 in Washington, D.C., by Albin Hubscher, IFDC president and CEO, and Rob Bertram, chief

scientist of USAID's Bureau for Food Security.

"The SOILS consortium brings together IFDC's leadership and global reach with some of the nation's leading research universities, creating a platform to tackle critical soil fertility challenges that are limiting progress in achieving food security and reduction of extreme poverty, especially in sub-Saharan Africa," Bertram said.

At the launch, Hubscher highlighted the IFDC's vision and outlined how it has focused on increasing and sustaining food security and agricultural productivity in more than 100 developing countries through the development and transfer of effective and environmentally sound crop-nutrient technology and agribusiness expertise.

"The IFDC is excited to support the SOILS consortium and is looking forward to actively engaging with all partners to improve soil fertility," he said.

Initial partners in the SOILS consortium are: United States Department of Agriculture; the University of Colorado; the University of Nebraska; Michigan State University; and Auburn University. The consortium will be expanded based on the need and strengths of the other organizations.

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