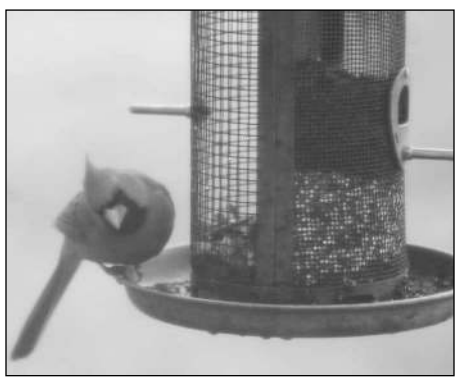

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Larson takes it one piece at a time

By Amy Feigley

Just like Johnny Cash croons in his song, *One Piece At A Time,* "I'd get it one piece at a time and it wouldn't cost me a dime. The first day I got me a fuel pump. And the next day I got me an engine and a trunk." These are lyrics that rural Leonardville, Kansas resident, Carl Larson, can relate to… taking it one piece at a time.

As a child, Carl and his siblings learned how to be creative while growing up on a farm. Not having as many toys as kids do now, heading out to the shop and seeing what odd pieces of this and that were sitting around, Carl would start to tinker and put things together. This is a passion of his that has stayed with him through his adult life. For those that know Carl, they know how much he still likes to head out to his shop and find odd pieces. But now, the toys that he builds are those that he dreamed of as a wide-eyed child.

Driving down the road to the Larson's home, which is just a stone's throw from Leonardville, your eyes will inevitably go right to his distinctive mailbox. In the year 2000, Carl had the idea to create this masterpiece, something that he knew nobody else would have. And a work of art is just what it is. Carl is all about finding odd pieces from old farm equipment that is past its expiration date. Maybe old lawn mowers that have cut their last yard full of grass. Old vehicles that are permanently parked in the old shed, those that hold such value and we cannot quite part with them. Those are all treasures to Carl.

Drawing up blue prints like an architect is something he doesn't do. He might see a part from an old John Deere 730 or a vintage Ford like our grandaddy's would have driven, and his imagination comes to life. Building scaled down models of John Deere and Case tractors is where Carl's creativity comes to life. Not only has he built the tractors and his mailbox, but a self-propelled sprayer and log splitter can be added to the list. When he is rebuilding these classics, he always sees something different down the road, something that needs added, something that maybe he can use on his next project.

Carl Larson proudly stands by his scaled down John Deere tractor built with help from his daughter Cindy and grandchildren Brianna and Garrett.

Photos by Amy Feigley

Carl had a good friend from Silver Lake, Kansas who inspired him to start building these mini tractors. He figured if his friend could do this, so could he. A farmer by trade, there are times during the year where Carl doesn't spend as much time on his models as he would like too. He realizes that farming comes first, but you can see that gleam in his eyes when he gets to head out to his shop and work on a project. Carl's daughter, Cindy, along with her children, Brianna and Garrett, have helped Carl on his projects. Carl's late father, Emanuel, had the same passion that his son does. Carl is hoping someday that his great-granddaughter, Clara, will also help.

Before COVID made its appearance, Carl, along with his wife, Jane, would travel to town festivals with Carl's John Deere, or his old International.

Carl and Jane Larson's mailbox is something that you can ago from odds and ends of pieces of different machinery, which is also how he builds his tractors.

Kansas towns such as Leonardville, Keats, and Chapman, are the closest he has been. The furthest he has traveled to display his works of art was to Great Falls, Montana, where he participated in the State Fair. He proudly talks to anyone whose curiosity is peaked about how and why he does this. And if they ask him if would sell any of his creations, the answer is always, well, no.

When Carl is choosing the old parts he wants to use on his next project, he first looks around his farm. If he cannot find it there, he knows a couple of guys who are usually willing to part with what he needs. The tires from his beloved John Deere replica came from a John Deere manure spreader. The motor is a Briggs and Stratton. A radiator from an old junked out Dodge pick-up is used in another of Carl's masterpieces. He wanted it just for the center port, saying it gave it that authentic look. These odds and ends pieces are just for looks. Once you see the finished project, you might never know where everything came from. Each scaled down tractor that Carl builds is different from the next. They usually take around three years to build, depending on how much free time he has. With fieldwork and cattle, shop time can vary. Forrest Johnson provided iron, as well as an array of other items Carl needed over the years. Friends and family are usual-

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Carl began his love for rebuilding tractors at a young age. This International is another of his projects.Being creative, for Carl, began at a young age while growing up on a farm.

Deer Diary Contest

It's time for the Countian's annual Deer Diary feature. Send us a photo of your legally hunted deer along with your name, age and any other details you would like to include.

Prizes will be awarded to the oldest and youngest hunters, as well as one randomly-drawn entry. The feature will publish in the January 13, 2021 edition. Deadline for submission is Friday, January 8, 2021. Email your photos, along with name, age, address and any details you would like to include to countian@twinvalley.net, mail them to PO Box 333, Riley, KS 66531 or drop them by the off at 117 S. Broadway in Riley. Big or small, buck or doe, let us help you do a little bragging!

Keats Lions make donation to Food Pantry

Each year Keats Lions Club supports the Riley Food Pantry with cash donations and food collections. "We are a small community with no local businesses so we support and serve our neighbors in Riley and enjoy the support and participation of Riley residents in our activities," said Lion Club president Rich Webster. The Riley Food Pantry is run by Sharon Greene and Doris Fritz on behalf of the City of Riley. They receive no funding or grants from other sources and are completely supported by local contributions and donors. "This year our club decided to step forward and provide more resources knowing that the need is great," Webster continued. "We dedicated a service event entirely to the Food Pantry. Our Christmas drive-thru lunch raised $1860 and 60 pounds of food. The entire proceeds from this event were donated. Thank you Riley Food Pantry for stepping up and facing the needs of your community! We Serve!"

Picture is Keats Lions Club President Rich Webster and Sharon Greene and Doris Fritz from the Riley Food Basket.

Photo by Anna Grauer

Countian Quicks

HARVESTERS AVAILABLE MONTHLY IN TWO LOCATIONS

Harvesters distribution of free perishable foods is available for pick up twice a month: on the first Friday at Randolph U. Methodist & on third Wednesday at Leonardville U. Methodist. Both times are 9:30-10:30 or until food is gone. There are no eligibility requirements.

CORNERSTONE KIDS

Cornerstone Kids will not be held on Jan. 6 or Jan 27th at Leonardville UMC.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The SAL meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 107 South Erpelding in Leonardville.

RILEY PRIDE MEETING

Riley PRIDE meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Riley City Hall.

LEONARDVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

The Leonardville American Legion meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 107 South Erpelding in Leonardville.

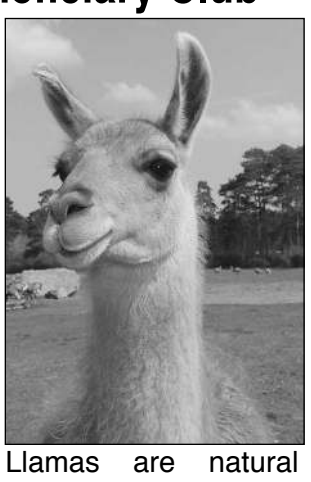
Community News

Silver Creek Beneficiary Club

Silver Creek Beneficiary Club's Centennial
The 90s

Written By SCBC Member Mary Pauli

SCBC Historian Jeanette Campbell



Llamas are natural livestock protectors. Llamas main method of communication is humming and the sound is similar to a person humming.

Take a journey — in time, rather than miles — Silver Creek Beneficiary Club's (SCBC) 100 Year Centennial Anniversary 22nd series The 90s journey. Written by decades and 1990-1999 series are The 90s, Last Business, and 75th Anniversary's Bashful Girl. To understand SCBC member's journey you need to understand many subsequent changes in Wildcat Township in the county of Riley, Kansas; unincorporated town of Keats; and life in the world around them.

1990-1999 Y2K Hysteria would cause the world to end December 31,1999 when computers would spontaneously combust. The clocks rolled over into 2000 and no one lost their job because the boss could not print a paycheck.

Websites you might have heard of - Google and eBay - arrived. Thus leading to the creation of all things digital: Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Whisper and other platforms that keep us connected. Digital answering machine answered its first call.

Floods occurred in the Midwestern United States, along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and their tributaries, from April to October 1993. The flood was among the most costly and devastating to ever occur in the United States, with $15 billion in damages - approximately $27 billion today. Tuttle Creek Dam filled up, forcing use of spillway releasing surplus water washing away hundreds of years of dirt 1993.

1990-1999 Life of Riley - A tornado just outside of Keats destroying homes of several SCBC members and friends June 1993.

Did you know Austin, the llama, took charge of his herd of sheep by leading them to SCBC member Gladys Schurle's farm for safety when a tornado destroyed sheep's fencing? Following the tornado Neil Anderson arrived to find his llama and sheep were gone. Neil called out "Austin" and soon Austin appeared leading herd of sheep. Kansas State University veterinarian students took injured sheep back to KSU Veterinary Hospital for treatment. Tornado ended up killing approximately 14 sheep. Story made national news June 1993.

It's a Win Win SCBC rally to help neighbors who needed a helping hand with monetary contributions, food, and items: 2 families 1990; United Methodist Church in Andover for tornado and 2 families for medical expenses 1991; flood family 1993; families with tornado loss 1993 & 1994; Quilters Guild 1994; Volunteer Fire Department 1995; brothers sustained serious injuries in automobile accident 1996; 2 local young ladies 1997; and special donation for tornado victims in Kansas 1999.

HERSTORY: Silver Creek Beneficiary Club could have been known as Silver Creek BIBLE Club. Meetings included reading scripture, devotions; saying Lord's Prayer in unison; and roll calls have been know to be answered with a bible verse.

SCBC 90s programs: 1874 Farmers Diary; Pawnee Mental Health on aging; Riley County Health Department on nutrition, wellness and how to treat ourselves nicely; V.F.W. drug abuse; how to have a healthy heart (3 causes smoking, high cholesterol and high blood pressure; home safety; using a credit card; knowing important information on Living Wills; death - taxes; and taxes are the rent we pay.

90s Fashion was denim everything; solid colors; oversized sweaters; flannel shirts; t-shirts; army surplus clothing; silk shirts; turtlenecks under cardigans or sweaters; sweatpants; skirts; black leggings; Birkenstocks, and

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Obituaries

Ila Pultz

Ila Mae Pultz, age 96 of Riley, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 at the Meadowlark Hills Wroten House.

She was born on January 27, 1924 at her grandparents house in May Day, the daughter of William and Ada (Auchard) Hollowell. Ila was a tomboy and loved to climb trees. Her family moved several times from south of Barnes, to east of Riley and to west of Keats. She graduated from Keats Rural High School where she walked four miles to school.

On November 23, 1942, she married her high school sweetheart, Argel Pultz who was stationed on the west coast and spent 21 months in the South Pacific. He preceded her in death on January 7, 1998.

Following Argel's time in the Navy, they moved back to Kansas and became residents of Riley in 1954 where they were co-owners of the Hassebroek Grocery Store and she was a school cook. Ila was a member of the Riley United Methodist Church and an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Riley Neighborhood Club for many years. In the fall of 2010, Ila decided she'd had enough of yard work, keeping her home going and picking her beloved gooseberries and decided to move to Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community for her final years.

She is survived by four children, Aleta Esslinger of Manhattan, David Pultz and wife Jeannette of Leonardville, Quinten Pultz and wife Becky of Riley and Arden Pultz and wife Rhonda of Manhattan; three sisters, Wanda Goff, Betty Wohler and Winona Hollowell; 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Wilma Hermann, Bonnie Stone and Jeannie Bradshaw; three brothers, William Hollowell, Robert Hollowell and Wayne Hollowell and her good friend, Warren Walter.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Larson officiating. Pallbearers will be Theron Haresnape, Allen Pultz, Chris Pultz, Aaron Esslinger, Ray Asebedo and Brennan Beswick. Burial will be in the Riley Cemetery.

A memorial may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.apfunerals.com.

Lois Lippert Eggerman

Lois Elaine Lippert Eggerman, age 89 of Clay Center, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2020 at her residence.

She was born on October 8, 1931 in Morganville, the daughter of Orbie and Hazel (Hagenbuch) Pierson.

On May 14, 1950, she was married to Roy Lippert. He preceded her in death on December 31, 1985. They had two sons, Rick and Brian.

She later married J. Wendell Eggerman on November 20, 2002. He survives of the home.

Lois was a dietary cook for 23 years at the Clay County Medical Center, retiring in 1999 and was a member of the Clay Center United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining guests, gardening, flowers, bird watching and playing cards, preferably 5 point pitch. She was an avid sports fan, cheering for the K-State Wildcats, Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals.

In addition to her husband, Wendell Eggerman, she is survived by two sons, Rick Lippert and wife Gerrie of Silver Lake and Brian Lippert and wife Kathy of St. George; three step children, Ronda Nelson of Higginsville, Missouri, Jeffrey Eggerman and friend Susan McAndrew of Avalon, New Jersey and Jim Eggerman of Green; five grandchildren, Joni Lippert of Clearwater, Florida, Tye Lippert and wife Michelle of Soldier, Lindsay Piper and husband Todd of St. George, Chris Cox and wife Laurie of Olsburg and Amanda Wetter and husband David of Randolph; five great grandchildren, Alyssa Stewart, Bailey Cox, Brody Cox, Beau Wetter and Lily Wetter; seven step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Roy Lippert and two sisters, Marge Hahn and Billie Utley.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in the Greenwood Cemetery with Herb Mugler officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Matt Sump, Tye Lippert, Jim Lippert, Jim Eggerman, Jay Lippert and John George.

Memorials may be made out to the Donor's Choice in her name. Contributions may be left in care of the Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home.

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Richard Avery Visser

Richard Avery Visser was born March 3, 1941 to W.M. and Esther (Avery) Visser at a hospital in Manhattan. He passed away due to Covid-19 on December 6, 2020. He was a loving husband to Phyllis Visser for 32 years. He was a kind generous man.

Richard enjoyed farming from the time he started helping his father and grandfather on the farm outside of Riley, Kansas. He graduated from Riley High School in 1959 and then went to College in Emporia prior to coming to Herington. He attended a radiator school in Omaha, Nebraska and then purchased equipment for his shop. He opened his first shop in August 1963 at 603 W. Walnut right beside the rail road tracks. He lived at the shop and slept on the roof when it was hot in the summer.

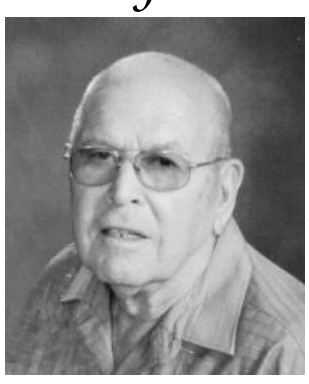
The expansion of Ft. Riley made it necessary for his parents to move from the family farm so they moved to Herington on a farm two and half miles east of Herington to be close to Richard. Richard soon moved his business to the farm so it was easy to farm when he was not busy in his shop. He also sold Starcraft Boats and Mercury Outboard Motors until 1977. He began selling and repairing Homelite Chainsaws in 1969. He sold pickup toppers from the 70's to the 90's. In 1992 he became a dealer for Trailman and Travalong livestock, flatbeds, and grain hauling trailers. He was in business for 56 years. During this time he also took care of the farming as his dad was slowing down. He bought the farm from his parents in the 80's and they moved to town.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, Brother Earl. Step-Son David (Diane) King, Step-Daughter Laura Kiddy, Granddaughter Vanessa Kiddy Step-Grand Children Taylor (Dante) Spaniol, Bret (Bailey) King, Jake King, Jordon King.

He is preceded by his parents and son Jeffrey King.

A memorial service will be held 10 am, Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Herington, Kansas. Then later that afternoon a graveside service will be held 2 p.m. at The Riley Cemetery in Riley, Kansas. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church. Yazel-Megli Funeral Homes, Herington is serving the family. Please sign his online guestbook and leave a memory of Richard at www.ymzfh.com

Veryl Dean Wickstrum



Veryl Dean Wickstrum, age 86 of Leonardville, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House.

He was born on November 27, 1934 in Leonardville, the son of Clarence and Edna (Peterson) Wickstrum.

On January 2, 1987, he married Valerie Lynne Keener O'Neill. She survives of the home.

He was a farmer and rancher who loved the land and his cattle and was a member of the Seven Dolors Catholic Church. Veryl Dean enjoyed going on vacations with his friends and visiting the beautiful Catholic churches in other parts of the country. He was a big John Deere fan and talked for months about his trip to the John Deere factory in Illinois, where he saw a John Deere tractor built. He loved working in his yard, on lawn mowers and cars, but his #1 priority was his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He cherished every moment with them.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children, Robbie O'Neill of Wamego, Melinda Hewitt and husband Mike of Circleville, Ronnie O'Neill of Wamego, Linda Marshall and husband Eric of Kansas City and Debbie Wickstrum of Kansas City; one brother, Larry Wickstrum and wife Sharon of Westmoreland; nine grandchildren, Roger O'Neill, Russell O'Neill, Ryan O'Neill, Jennica O'Neill, Cassey Shupe (Kipp), Calley Berry (A.J.), Carley Hewitt, Cody O'Neill (Megan) and Tanner O'Neill and seven great grandchildren, Cooper, Weston, Macy, Rowdy, Breckyn, Harley and Joel.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at the Seven Dolors Catholic Church Church with Father Kerry Ninemire as Celebrant. Pallbearers were Roger O'Neill, Ryan O'Neill, Cody O'Neill, Tanner O'Neill, Tate Wickstrum, Russell O'Neill and A.J. Berry. Burial was in the Grandview Mill Creek Cemetery.

A memorial may be made to the Veryl Dean Wickstrum Memorial Fund to be established at a later date. Contributions may be left in care of the Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.apfunerals.com.

Bernice Hagenmaier

Bernice Louise Hagenmaier, age 94 of Randolph, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020 at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born on June 7, 1926 in Lasita, the daughter of Frank and Louise (Wichman) Bergstrom.

On February 28, 1945, she married Earl Henry Hagenmaier. He preceded her in death in 1973.

Bernice worked as a secretary at the Lafene Health Center at Kansas State University. She was a member of the Randolph United Methodist Church, U.M.W. and the Randolph Senior Citizen's. She loved family get togethers around the holidays and attending her children and grandchildren's school and sports activities. Bernice had a wonderful green thumb for raising the most beautiful flowers in her garden and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds. She also enjoyed painting pictures, sewing and decorating cakes.

She is survived by one son, Frank Hagenmaier and wife Marita of Randolph; one daughter, Earlene Hagenmaier of Topeka; seven grandchildren, Mary Jane Ewing, George Wiecken (Nikki), Marcie Sutton (John), Jeremy Hagenmaier, Luke Hagenmaier, Jude Hagenmaier (Liz) and Casie Amaro (A.J.) and many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, William Frank Hagenmaier and two sisters, Francis Bergstrom and Gladys Hagenmaier.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 2, 2020 at the Randolph United Methodist Church with Pastor Sandy Ferguson officiating. Music was furnished by Charlotte Olsen. Pallbearers were Mary Jane Ewing, George Wiecken, Marcie Sutton, Jeremy Hagenmaier, Luke Hagenmaier, Jude Hagenmaier and Casie Amaro. Burial was in the Randolph Fancy Creek Cemetery.

A memorial may be made to the Randolph United Methodist Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home.

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Why that KDOT plow truck is not going faster

If you are a motorist wanting to pass a KDOT truck plowing snow or putting down salt or brine to fight ice, you might not realize why it is moving so slowly.

It comes down to physics and performance.

Fact, the physics: A KDOT plow truck weighs around 26,300 pounds – and that's unloaded – while the average vehicle weighs about 4,000 pounds.

The KDOT operator is trying to keep all that weight under control in slippery conditions while pushing snow with a plow in front and maybe a wing plow on the side. That's a lot of force exerting from different directions to keep under control.

So the operating speed for the plow truck in those conditions is well under normal highway speeds -- and may be as low as 10 mph when a blizzard cuts visibility. Just because the truck is so heavy doesn't mean it won't lose control on ice or packed snow.

One reason KDOT wants motorists to keep a distance behind snow-and-ice treatment trucks is this: beet juice and brine.

KDOT sometimes uses 10% beet juice with brine. The beet juice helps brine stick to pavement so the brine can melt ice or prevent it from forming, especially on elevated or exposed areas prone to freezing.

The beet-brine mix also can spray back on vehicles, especially if they are close enough to the KDOT truck applying the mix. It's why KDOT recommends that motorists stay back 100 feet if possible.

District Five Engineer Brent Terstriep explains: "Depending on the storm, we may be pretreating the entire road section, or we may only treat structures, like culverts or bridges. When we spot treat, especially over a culvert, that is not extremely apparent to the motorist - that they are crossing a structure. They may get a surprise when the liquid is turned on."

In addition, if the truck goes much over 30 mph when dropping salt, much of it can bounce off the roadway.

This is why KDOT asks the public to please be patient and keep a distance behind KDOT plow trucks, and, if possible, wait until the plow truck turns around before passing.

If you pass, please do so carefully – and remember that you might not see a wing plow jutting out 7 feet from the side of the plow truck because of blowing snow or limited visibility.

"The most important thing to us is that everyone gets home safely -- the traveling public and our people," said KDOT Wichita Area Superintendent David Lechner. "So we ask that you be alert and understand the speeds at which we have to work."

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Second Quarter 8th Grade A Honors

Samuel Allen, Meredith Baumann, Sawyer Bishop, Maggie Brummett, Meagan Laurie, Gracie Scofield, Benjamin White, Mavrick Winter, Jace Woodard.

8th Grade High Honors

Addison Bath, Kayleigh Blair, Colin French, Kaden Gutsch, Eli Harmison, Dallas Henton, Avery Higgins, Brett Hopper, Ember Klein, Sydney Murphy, Natalie Nonamaker, Lema Tui, Madden Watts, Tessa Williams, Adalynn Zeller.

8th grade Honors

William Casebeer, Elizabeth Darrah, Alissa Fleener, Colin French, Kaden Gutsch, Collin Leikam-Tilton, Alexandria Montoya, Brianna Restrepo, Shamara Schardein, Aiden Shepek, Trent Webber.

7th Grade A Honors

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5th Grade A Honors

Nyah Barta, Simon Baumann, Royce Fajen, Kady Higgins, Lila Sullivan.

5th Grade High Honors

Sophia Adorno, Cailyn Allison, Alijah Avalos, Harper Befort, Easton Blair, Talon Blair, Charlie Brooks, Sarah Effiong, Dashel Hancock, Audrey Holle, Tyler Holmes, Jackson Hubbard, Mackenzie Hubbard, Jack Hutchinson, Killian Koenig, Ryland Kreie, Kellen McCoy, Colt Mongeau, Royal Nelson, Lilly Norwood, Masoj Scofield, Laynee Shepard, Hunter Sherman, Archer Steck, Carlie Steiner, Caritina Vega, Briza Villafranca, Trista Warnken, Karodie Wendland, Sarah Wendland, Henry Wilson.

5th Grade Honors

Breighton Besa, Garison Easterberg, Ruthie England, Meeko Fleming, Belle Henton, Mia-Martina Herrera-Tiritilli, Ryder Lambert, Leland McCallister, Isaac Shanahan, Madisyn Taylor, Keydora Trapp.

Riley County High School students earn honors

Listed below are the RCHS students who earned honor roll status for the second quarter and first semester.

Quarter 2

9th Grade Honor Roll

Emersyn Colby, Madeline Davis, Arlie Headley, Thalia Hoyos, Bodie Kulp, Sadie Lambert, Landon McCallister, Addison Mead, Owen Miesner, Kaseton Monser, Noah Moots, Lauren Roles, Mariah Schroeder, Cody Sharp, Taryn Shepard, Jacob Wendland, Mara Williams, Nayara Wysin.

9th Grade Honorable Mention

Kierstin Baker, Kenneth Davis, Dawson Dickerson, Brogan Schuh, Madison Truesdale, Kyla Walsh.

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Bryce Beckman, Conner Blomberg, Julianna Davies, Angelina Ellis, Noah Frese, Emma Hoke, Angelina Ignacio, Charlotte Jones, Mandalyn Otto, Kennedy Phillips, Colbi Rignell, Kaden Root, Lela Spitler, Jack Titgemeyer, Nicholas White.

10th Grade Honorable Mention

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11th Grade Honor Roll

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12th Grade Honor Roll

Nicholas Allen, Brady Ashburn, Payton Baker, Christina Beard, Ethan Bohnenblust, Cabela Boman, Jessi Brummett, Ames Burton, Kaden Camerlinck, Haley Cole, Jessica Eyestone, Arden Fink, Ashanti Gallon, Olivia Headley, Bryan Hopper, Jody Johnston, Alyssa Juracek, Ashtyn Kulp, Jessa Kulp, Lily Lagerman, Ethan Lindquist, Kaytrin McGuire, Keigan McNulty, Abbigail Mensch, Ryan Pierce, Treston Ricker, Macy Sabo, Anna Schrader, Taylor Schroeder, Jack White, Paige Williams, Jessi Winter.

12th Grade Honorable Mention

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Semester 1

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Governor Laura Kelly announces Low-Income Energy Assistance Program to begin, help heat Kansas homes

Governor Laura Kelly has announced that to help keep Kansans warm this winter, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) began accepting applications for its Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) on Monday, Jan. 4.

"During the cold winter months, it is important that all Kansans have access to the resources they need to heat their homes and ensure their families can stay safe and healthy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I encourage all those who qualify to apply for this program. My administration is committed to protecting Kansas families now, throughout the pandemic, and into the future."

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In 2020, about 34,000 households received an average benefit of $960.

"Winters in Kansas have the likelihood of bringing frigid temperatures, add in the financial pressures of the pandemic, it's especially important this year that families have access to this important service to avoid financial concerns," DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. "Our staff is prepared to begin processing LIEAP applications, so families have warm homes this winter season."

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills. Income eligibility requirements are set at 130 percent of the federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants need to have made payments on their heating bill two out of the last three months. Those payments must be equal to or exceed $80 or the total balance due on their energy bills, whichever is less.

Applications for the program have been mailed to households that received energy assistance last year. LIEAP applications are also available at local DCF offices and through partnering agencies starting Jan. 4. They can be requested by calling 1-800-432-0043. To apply online, visit https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/sspNonMed.portal. For more information, visit http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 4 to March 31.

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Plenty of Places to Hunt

By Jeffrey Hancock

The other day I was filling my pickup with gas and the guy on the other side of the pump, seeing all my orange on, asked me how the hunting was going. He and I struck up a conversation of "the way it used to be" with lots of birds, but more importantly he expressed he had nowhere to go hunting anymore so he quit. Now, I'm all for less competition in the field, but those kinds of comments frustrate me to no end. I finished pumping gas, hopped in the truck and went to my place to go, which is also his place to go and the place to go for anyone who wants to go.

I learned a long time ago if you want something to happen you have to make it happen. Nobody is going to do it for you and if you wait around on chance, well it's just a chance it will come together. When I first started hunting with my grandfather we had tons of places to go. He and I would drive around in the summer delivering fresh peaches from my family's peach farm to various landowners in southeast Kansas where we quail hunted. Those landowners didn't forget come fall. He was making something happen. A peach for a hunt.

The days of hunting for peaches are gone and, in reality, getting my hands all sticky for a hunt is not even necessary. Kansas has THE best land access program in the country called Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA, sometimes pronounced "wee-haw") and I find the program even better than the old system of peaches. Anyone and everyone has access to these tracts of ground. All you need is a hunting license. Asking permission is not necessary. Permission was granted when you purchased the hunting license.

WIHA is a hunter funded program. It's funded by both license sales and the Pittman-Robertson Act which was approved by Congress in 1937. Pittman-Robertson funds are generated through a federal excise tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equiupment. The funds collected are distributed back to the states and can be utilized for all things hunting and wildlife. A match is involved, so the State of Kansas utilizes the funds from license sales to leverage the Pittman-Robertson funds.

With these funds the state's wildlife biologists, by region, review applications from farmers and ranchers for land enrollment in the program. The wildlife biologist for each region visits the land for inspection, and makes an offer to the landowner to rent the land for the right to open it to public hunting. The offer is based on a formula which provides higher payments for better quality hunting land. Everyone wins.

Earlier in this article I commented Kansas's WIHA program is the best in the country. This is no joke. Kansas was one of the first states to even have a program like this and it's been copied in some form or another in many other states, but never perfected like Kansas. Having hunted in many of those states who have similar programs, I can tell you the WIHA program in Kansas is as high quality as they come. For starters, Kansas has over one million acres annually enrolled. That's a lot. Kansas also has a no strings attached program, meaning you just go. You don't fill out a form, you don't have to make a call, you just show up. Lastly, the quality of places to hunt on WIHA is outstanding. I rarely venture out to return with nothing.

So, when I hear a guy at the gas pump tell me he has no place to go, he's wrong. We have more places to go than we have ever had. When this same guy tells me the hunting is just no good on WIHA, well I blame the hunter not the hunt. If the game just jumped in the freezer would this satisfy a quest for good hunting? I don't think so. Hunting is called hunting for a reason, you have to work at it. It's a skill.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Kansas Walk-In Hunting Access program. It started out as a crazy idea with a just a few properties enrolled near the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT) headquarters in Pratt. I vaguely remember those first properties being printed on a trifold pamphlet. Now WIHA properties are shown in an atlas, through an online interactive map, or you can even download a file to a handheld GPS. It's super easy. If you don't like maps, just drive down country roads and look for the WIHA signs. Find a WIHA and go.

If you want to take it a step further, the KDWPT and the Kansas Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers are co-sponsoring a WIHA photo contest for the 25th Anniversary that lasts through the middle of February. Take a picture and include a WIHA sign in the background. Post the picture to Instagram or Facebook and tag it with #KSWIHA25 and #KANSASBHA. The grand prize is a lifetime hunting license. Other prizes include gift certificates for the KDWPT, meat processing equipment from Walton's Inc. and a cash prize of $200. At last check only a few pictures were posted so if you know a thing or two about odds, your odds are pretty good.

Finally, this program is not possible without landowners willing to enroll property. So, when you hunt on these lands remember the ability to do so is a privilege not a right. Pick up your trash, don't block gates, and don't rut up a field entrance. Respecting the land is respecting the landowner. They are not required to enroll their land and as easily as they enrolled it they can unenroll it. Doing these things ensures the future of quality hunting in Kansas. We have places to go, but it takes willing landowners. Without landowners involved, hunting ends up as casual conversations at the gas pump about the way it used to be.

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Frontier Farm Credit to return an estimated $19 million to customer-owners

The Board of Directors for Frontier Farm Credit announced today that it will distribute a cash-back dividend for the 17th consecutive year to the farmers and ranchers it serves in eastern Kansas.

The Board of Directors approved a regular cash-back dividend equal to 100 basis points, or 1% of a customer's eligible average daily loan balance, as part of the financial cooperative's 2020 patronage program. This equates to an estimated $19 million of Frontier Farm Credit's 2020 net earnings going back to farmers and ranchers in January to invest in their operations, families and rural communities. Since 2004, Frontier Farm Credit has returned more than $133 million to eligible customer-owners.

"After 17 years, our cash-back dividend program is part of our value proposition that customer-owners can count on," said Mark Jensen, CEO and president of Frontier Farm Credit. "In this time of uncertainty, dependability from your lender has never been more important to agriculture."

The regular 2020 dividend checks will be mailed to eligible customer-owners the week of January 25, 2021. The Board of Directors has approved a cash-back dividend program for 2021, with the amount of the distribution to be decided in December 2021.

Complete remodel underway at Clay Center Family Physicians

Work has begun on a complete interior remodel of the Clay Center Family Physicians (CCFP) clinic. The $1.6 million project will include updated exam rooms, a new procedure room, and infectious disease exam rooms for potential COVID-19 patients. The remodel will be done in six phases, so the clinic can continue operation during construction. It is scheduled to be complete in July 2021.

CCFP recently added Dr. Allison Haynes to the team, and Dr. Eric Anderson will begin next August. Heather Tremblay, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, will also join the clinic team in August 2021. These staff additions and continued growth of the clinic created a need for more space and layout efficiencies. The clinic was built in 1993 and has not had a major interior update since that time.

"As we continue to expand our medical service offerings, updated exam rooms and an efficient clinic layout for our patients is necessary," said Austin Gillard, CEO at Clay County Medical Center (CCMC). "We hope to also hire a general surgeon at some point in 2021."

Throughout the clinic, new flooring, ceilings, casework, and cabinets will be installed. Materials used in the furnishings and fixtures will be the type that can be totally sterilized when cleaned.

"From an infectious disease standpoint, we focused the design and materials used to create a sterile environment," said Gillard. "We are not risking the spread of disease from patient to patient."

A total of 27 exam rooms will be included in the project, along with medical provider offices, and other administrative support spaces. The entire clinic will be soundproofed with insulation in the ceiling, walls, and door frames, so sound stays in the exam rooms. There is no insulation in the current exam rooms, which causes a privacy concern.

A new infectious disease clinic will also be part of the renovation. The former CCFP lab will be changed into a new infectious disease clinic, including three stand-alone exam rooms. This area will have a separate air-handling unit so an airborne disease does not enter any other areas of CCFP or Clay County Medical Center. The rooms can be used as COVID suites, where patients would be separate from the clinic to avoid exposure to other visitors.

A capital campaign has been created to support this major project. Furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) for the clinic will cost around $200,000. The Clay Center Hospital Foundation has begun outreach to pay for the FF&E in order to offset the total cost of equipment for the project, so CCMC can continue to invest in other continued advancements at the hospital.

Donations to support the campaign can be sent to the Clay County Hospital Foundation, PO Box 512, Clay Center, KS 67432. Limited room-naming opportunities are available for donations of $5,000 and above.

• Larson

ly there with advice on what he should do with what he is working on. Maybe adding something here or there. With that advice, he will either take it or leave it.

Carl doesn't do this for the ribbons and awards, but it is always nice to win first prize. A handful of years ago, the Farm Journal magazine handed Carl first place in the "I built the best" contest after he submitted a picture of he and his son Dale by his self-propelled sprayer.

If you are getting ready to junk out your old auger, or maybe Grandma's 1948 Buick Roadmaster in your garage has seen better days, keep Carl in mind. He can take a part off of any piece of machinery and size it down to what he needs. Wouldn't you like to be walking around a town festival in the near future and see that Carl has used a part from an old tractor that your dad used to own? We all love that old history and Carl loves keeping it alive in everything that he builds. Keeping it going for generations down the line and who knows, maybe some day down the road, Carl's grandchildren and great grandchildren will also take it "one piece at a time."

Tuttle Creek Lake launches Virtual Ranger program, offers QR code activities for a safe Eagle Day experience

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake has launched a new Virtual Ranger program allowing visitors a safe and fun experience for multiple exploration activities around the lake. The first set of virtual activities offers Quick Response codes allowing exploring Rangers to self-navigate to prime eagle viewing and learning locations around Tuttle Creek Lake. Quick Response codes are posted at Tuttle Creek.

Eagle Day is perfect for people of all ages and backgrounds. Visitors should dress for the weather. Due to the pandemic, we will not provide spotting scopes or binoculars this year, thus visitors are encouraged to bring their own.

Bald eagles have made a remarkable comeback from a population low of some 417 nesting pairs in 1967 to over 10,000 pairs today. Tuttle Creek is home to several nests and provides prime habitat for Bald Eagles and other birds of prey. Viewing opportunities are plentiful if you know where to look – join us at virtually for Eagle Day to learn more! www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes/Tuttle-Creek-Lake/Virtual-Ranger/ or https://go.usa.gov/xAjsm.

For additional information, contact Park Ranger Angelia Lentz at 785-539-8511 or by email at Angelia.j.lentz@usace.army.mil.

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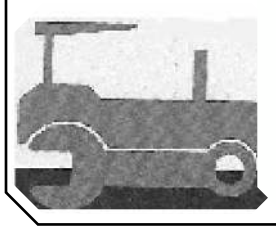

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Mission of ELCA

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. This is the mission statement of the ELCA. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

Upcoming events

Due to the pandemic, in-person Sunday worship services at Olsburg and Walsburg Lutheran Churches have been suspended until further notice. Services are being recorded and may be viewed on Olsburg and Walsburg websites or facebook pages.

Happy New Year!

We bid farewell to 2020 and welcome the new year. Most people I have talked to are ready to say goodbye to 2020. What about you? Are you ready?

Perhaps 2020 was a good year for you. Perhaps it was not. The year 2020 has certainly been a year in which life has been disrupted. A year ago I would not have guessed the amount of disruption and turmoil in our lives and the magnitude of suffering across our country which this year has brought.

What about 2021? Will 2021 be better? Or will it be more of the same? Will it bring many blessings and much happiness? Or will it bring more hardship and sorrow?

Of course, we do not have a crystal ball which can tell us what the future will be like. The future may be good. It may be great. Or it may be disastrous. We do not know. We do not know what will happen in the future.

But we do know who will be in the future! Jesus will be there! The very One whose birth we just celebrated. The very One who has promised to help us. The very One who suffered and died on the cross for us. The very One who defeated the power of death for us. The very One who opens our graves and gives us life with God - life that cannot ever be taken away from us. The very One who said, "I am with you always, to the end of the age!" (Matthew 28:20)

It is the presence of Jesus which gives us hope as we enter a new year! This hope is not a mere wish that 2021 will be a good year. No, this hope is much stronger than that. This hope is grounded in the promise of Jesus to be with us. With Jesus by our side and with his help we can meet any challenge, any hardship, any disappointment, any setback, any tragedy with courage and strength and the assurance that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (See Romans 8)

We enter the new year with this hope! This hope helps us to boldly enter the new year knowing that our Lord and Savior will be there. This hope gives us courage and confidence. This hope gives us assurance that no matter what the challenges we may face, we can meet those challenges and prevail over them. This hope will enable us to laugh and love and live life to the fullest in 2021.

Watch out, 2021. Here we come! We come with Jesus! Filled with his Spirit, 2021 will be a time when we ...

Happy New Year!
Pastor Keith

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Worship: 9:30

2020 has been physically, emotionally, socially, and I would go so far as to say spiritually exhausting. We would like to think that the New Year will turn the chapter on this unfolding saga and be a better year than 2020, and in some ways I believe it will be. I am convinced that the revival that has begun will accelerate this year. However, life will continue to be difficult and in some respects life may become even more challenging. In light of this, how can we rise above the challenges and difficulties rather than succumb to them? Where can we find rest for our weary souls?

In the gospels, Jesus invites us to come and drink of His living water! Come and accept His gift of eternal life! Come and feast at His table! Come and receive His peace and joy! Come and rest in His presence! The Savior is waiting for you to come and experience salvation. Not only that, Jesus invites you to come and take up His yoke for His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Let Jesus carry your burdens for in Him there is true rest.

Riley Presbyterian

11 a.m. – Worship
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Pastor Gerry Sharp

Service will be held in the sanctuary on January 10, 2021, at 11 a.m. All safety and sanitary protocol will be followed. All are welcome!

Happy Birthday to Marlene Jenkins and Gage Jackson, Jan. 10; Crystal Sinn Siebert, Jan. 11; Cindy Rignell and Lisa Tindal, Jan. 12.

Please all be safe and respectful of others. God bless you all!

Please come worship with us. You are always welcome on Sunday morning and at all of our activities once we start them again

Fairview Presbyterian

Worship at 9:30
Pastor Gerry Sharp

Countryside Bible Fellowship

Broughton Rd and Co. 859
Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 3, 2021, was a sunny but cool day as we come to worship at Countryside. After enjoying snacks and coffee, the service began at 8:30 a.m. The first Hymn was "Knowing Him" then "Majesty" and "The Reconciliation Song."

A video was shown from American Heritage. In Robert Winthop's speech on the Bible and American government, Men must necessarily be controlled either by the power from within them or by a power from without them; either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of men; either by the Bible or by the bayonet. We also watched a dramatization of Pastor John Muhlenberg's farewell sermon in 1776 in which he read from Ecclesiastes 3, there's a time for everything, and now is the time for war.

Upon finishing his sermon, he took off his pastor's robe and under it was a revolutionary war uniform.

Bible study followed from Psalms 148, I John and 2 John, Philippians 4, Matthew 10 & 11.

Devotions were read from "Mornings with Jesus."

Holy Communion was then offered to all, beginning with the Bible verses Luke 22: 14-20. Followed by a time for prayer, the closing song was "I Need You."

Happy New Year! Invite Jesus to fulfill His purposes for your life every day this year.

Crossroads Baptist

Answers

By Billy Graham • December 26, 2020

Q: Maybe no one else has this problem, but after the holidays I always get kind of depressed. It doesn't make sense because we have a close-knit family and I always enjoy Christmas, but afterward I always feel this big letdown. Why is this?

A: You aren't alone; I suspect many who are reading this have had a similar experience. Christmas is a very busy time for many people, and it leaves them exhausted—and even wondering if all the busyness was worth it. They also may feel burdened over all the bills they'll be facing.

Nor is it only at Christmas that this happens; sometimes life's greatest highs are followed by life's greatest lows. It happened to the prophet Elijah; shortly after his great victory over the prophets of Ba'al on Mt. Carmel, he fled in despair into the wilderness. He prayed, "I have had enough, Lord. … Take my life" (1 Kings 19:4). But God didn't do this; instead, He assured Elijah that He still had work for him to do. He also refreshed him with rest and food.

If the holidays have been particularly busy for you, take time to get some rest—and don't feel guilty over it! Jesus needed times of rest, and so do we. In addition, take time to plan for next year; if you did too much this year, decide what can be trimmed from your schedule next year.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to pause and let the true meaning of Christmas refresh your soul. Christmas should be more than gifts or parties or times with family. At Christmas, we remember God's love for us—love so great that He sent His Son into the world for our salvation. Let His love fill your heart throughout this holiday season.

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Keats Worship 8:45
Riley Worship 10:15

Sedalia Community

8:30/11:00 Morning Worship
9:30 Sunday School
Kevin Larson, Pastor
Youth Ministers-Austin and Hannah Thayer

Ebenezer UMC

The bell was rung signifying the start of the Dec. 27 worship service at Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Acolytes were Faith Armstrong and Averi Schurle.

Announcements were given by Sarah Armstrong and the Rev. Lillian Flegle. It was Carroll Roth's birthday, and Alex Gaines celebrates his Dec. 28, so the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Beginning Jan. 3, worship services at Ebenezer will begin at 11:00 a.m. to accommodate Flegle's new appointment to Morganville, Green and Ebenezer UMCs.

Following the Turkey Shoot, Biscuits and Gravy feed, and received donations, the Message Board Ministry is now just $578 short of purchase. The pastor introduced the congregation to the "naked turkey" paper cutout hanging on the wall. Envelopes are in the pews for additional donations. Simply put your contribution in the envelope to place in the offering plate, remove the brown feather, and then put that on the turkey to "clothe" it.

Youth Supper and Scripture will start again in January with a new date and time: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry.

Connie Needham noted that she tried to contact her sister and found out the explosion in Nashville took down the telephone towers all over that area.

A letter was received from Dr. Cho in Mongolia regarding the Hospice care there, a mission supported by Ebenezer.

"Joy to the World" was the hymn of greeting. Kenneth Schurle led the Call to Worship, which was read responsively by the congregation. It was followed by the minister's opening prayer.

S. Armstrong gave the prayer of confession.

Following the "Gloria Patri," Rich Flegle led children's moment. He asked what they believed in: Jesus? Santa Claus? Their parents? He talked about the Star of Bethlehem and how it led people to Jesus. This is something we still believe in today. He then led prayer.

Prayers are requested for: Tammy Knox following illness, Betty Gran after shoulder surgery, 13-year-old Ethan who has been fighting cancer for seven years, and Sheryl Gaines who is experiencing numbness in her extremities.

Joy was offered for those who got to witness the Christmas Star, the pastor's growth in using technology this past year, and for the Christmas Eve program.

Donnie Wright presented a check of $100 for the Message Board Ministry from one of his hunters.

The pastoral prayer was offered.

Kenneth and Keagan Schurle collected the morning's tithes and offerings, which was followed by the offertory prayer and singing of the "Doxology".

Kenneth Schurle read Psalm 148: 11-14.

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice" was the praise hymn.

The pastor's message was "Freedom," based on Galatians 4: 4-11. She also referenced I Timothy 4: 13, John 18: 36-37, Hebrews 2: 14, and Matthew 5: 17.

She told about her husband CHOOSING to adopt her son, and that's what made him special... it's because he was chosen; just as God CHOSE to adopt us as His children. That's what makes us all special in God's eye is because he CHOSE to adopt us.

When the pastor's son asked why he kept messing up if he's so special, she told him that he had to choose; do what's right and receive God's blessings or suffer the consequences if he chose to do wrong.

The minister then spoke about how Jesus came from Heaven to live with us as humans on earth. Do we hear God and His message?

God wanted to meet us on earth. Jesus' teachings are more important than any other.

The devil makes us sin and we all struggle with it. The eyes of non-believers are blinded.

Jesus came down to earth for us. Only by dying as a human could He bring us salvation.

We only have to apply the basic principles of Moses' law to stop sinning. We need to learn how to be as Christ. If it is God's will, we should be willing to bury ourselves in Scripture and prayer.

L. Flegle then sang a verse of "Pass It On" and said we get the power we need to pass on the Good News by praising God. He sent the Messiah as a messenger so we can repent and be loosed from Satan's hold.

The most important lesson we must learn is that we need to love God, then others, and then ourselves.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was the closing hymn.

The Benediction was offered and the postlude hymn of "God Be With You" was sung.

Ebenezer is a warm, friendly, and welcoming congregation. Please join us at 11:00 a.m. (note the new time) each Sunday morning for worship service, or for our live stream on Facebook.

In the Word

By Pastor Sarah Gill

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.-Numbers 6:24-26

Sometimes the new year is a time for reflection. Just what are we doing with our lives and what are we meant to do?

I believe that our lives are a blessing to us and are meant to be a blessing to others. We can bless others in many ways:

Listening closely blesses others, it shows interest, respect and concern.

Meeting needs blesses others, with basic needs meet people can live full lives.

Generosity blesses others, we can never outgive God!

Hospitality blesses others making them feel welcomed and valued.

Companionship blesses other, taking time to be with someone is a great gift.

Praise blesses others increasing their confidence and ocmpetence.

Instruction blesses others, helping them to learn and grow.

Love blesses others, it is in loving God and others that we fulfill our purpose.

So how will be bless others this year? To that measure we will be blessed.

Dear Lord, You bless us with light, grace and peace. Forgive us when we do not bless others. Thank you for all who have blessed us in any way. Help us to be a blessing to others this year, according to your will. Amen

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Classifieds & Legal Notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Randy Pippin; Butterfield Owners Association; Unknown spouse of Randy Pippin; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant), Defendants.

Case No. RL-2020-CV-000185

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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Leonardville City Council holds November meeting

The Leonardville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Crady, November 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Council members present were: Mitch Knight, Joe Geisler, Jeanne Richter, Asa Peterson and Larry Wendland. Others in attendance were: Melody Compton, Eszter Blair, Jack McCarty, Dennis Butler, Attorney Dusty Mullin, City Superintendent Jim Geisler, City Treasurer Jim Olson & City Clerk Deandra Anderson by phone due to Covid.

Minutes of the October Council meeting were read and approved via a motion by Larry Wendland and a second from Joe Geisler, motion carried. Treasurers' report was reviewed and approved via a motion by Mitch Knight and a second by Larry Wendland, motion carried. Joe Geisler made a motion to suspend the rules and pay claim 2020-11 in their entirety second by Mitch Knight, motion carried.

For Guest comments, Eszter Blair stated the Legion Thanksgiving Dinner is on hold for now. Melody Compton did have anything. Jack McCarty was present to see about getting a "no exhaust brake" or "jake brake" or "engine brake" sign added to the City limit signs as you enter town. Council discussed this matter and it was decided to table this until next month and gather some information. Attorney Mullin will look into this. Riley County Police Director Dennis Butler was present to update Council and see if they had any concerns for the Police Department. Director Butler talked about Covid plan, new radio system, and parking garage in Aggieville. Council Thanked Director Butler for all the Department does. He left the meeting at 7:50 and so did Jack McCarty.

City Superintendent Jim Geisler reported Well 6 is having some trouble, he also reported he has done some trouble shooting and believes he has the correct well that is having trouble, and he will call and have Associated Drilling come out and take a look. Jim stated he had been approached by the Business Association if they could use the old fire station for the Chili Crawl. Joe Geisler made a motion to go ahead and allow the Business Association to use the building and Larry Wendland seconded and the motion carried.

Attorney Mullin didn't have anything for Council. Clerk Anderson stated water bills are in good shape.

Council then reviewed the Resolution 2020-2 Hazard Mitigation plan. Joe Geisler made a motion to approve the resolution and Jeanne seconded. The motion carried. Council member Geisler asked if there was a system that could be used to notify residents when there would be work performed on the water lines. Clerk Anderson will do some checking what other City's do for this.

With business complete Joe Geisler made a motion to adjourn and Larry Wendland second and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Card of Thanks

"Overwhelming" is the only word fitting for the Dec. 20 event our family planned. The drive-through Christmas wishes were wonderful and filled our hearts with joy. In this Covid time, it was the perfect solution. Until personal thank-you notes are written, we thank you for making the season extra special. **Wayne & Romelle VanSickle**

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K-State Research & Extension News

By Gregg Eyestone

Gardening Information

The Gardener is always evaluating the environment. Looking at what is working and problem solving issues. Even with the gardening season on the down low, thinking about the garden does not end.

There are many resources to aid the Gardener to be informed and successful. The Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website is a good place to start. Information on our soils, rainfall, good plants to grow and more is posted. Hot topics are posted at the top.

A weekly Facebook live post highlights a current gardening situation. This program year is focusing on good plants for our area to grow. When appropriate, a hot topic is identified. I hope you are a follower and will share these posts.

It is good to read about a plant that sounds interesting. A picture is even better to aid in determining whether to consider trying. Pinterest is a platform that is good at sorting and hosting a picture. Check out the Riley County Extension Pinterest account.

One reliable form of providing information from Extension units is the newsletter. Today the form used is a bimonthly electronic newsletter. The second and fourth week of the month, the newsletter will appear in your email. Timely information on several important areas of interest will be included. Contact the office to be added to the list serve.

Many gardening programs are presented on the zoom platform these days. Previous programs are recorded and available. My "Planning Your Fruit Garden" is available upon request. The many Extension gardening programs done this year state wide are available at the Kansas Garden Hour site.

My landscape is never quite the way I want it. Perhaps I spend too much time thinking about it. Seeking out new information and ideas is constant. Some of the best ideas can be found right around you. Let me know if you would like assistance with your gardening endeavors.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu

K-State Research & Extension News

By Greg McClure, Riley County, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

SOIL TESTING

I learned last week that collecting soil samples is a lot more exciting when there is a mean ram in the field.

When a job becomes too easy, or boring, some people move on to a new job. Not me. I just add a new level of difficulty!

My ram and I collected soil samples from the fields by my house last week. I actually did all the work, and he just watched. Sometimes he watched too closely,...prompting me to watch HIM closely while I yelled and pointed my soil probe at him.

When it was time to leave the field I backpedaled all the way to the electric fence, talking to my friend as he followed along. I told him he was leaving his females behind, but he went with me anyway.

Once I was safely on the other side of the fence I turned my back, hoping my friendly ram would come after me and zap his nose on the hot wire. But,...no suck luck. He was too smart, and just turned away and calmly walked back to his flock.

Even though it is more than twice as much work, I collected both a surface sample and a profile sample from each field. The surface samples will be tested for pH, phosphorus, potassium, organic matter, and zinc. The profile samples – taken to a 24 inch depth – will be tested for nitrogen, sulfur, and chloride.

Nitrogen, sulfur, and chloride are all mobile nutrients that move down in the soil profile relatively quickly, thus requiring the deeper sample to determine their levels in the soil. I am mostly interested in the sulfur and chloride results from my profile samples. With the good yields we had this year I don't expect there to be much residual nitrogen.

In recent years, sulfur deficiency has become relatively common in wheat fields, especially in no-till fields. The likely reasons are cooler soil temperatures in no-till fields that slow mineralization, and a reduction in atmospheric sulfur as a result of cleaner automobile emissions.

Thirty years ago we only expected to find sulfur deficiencies in sandy soils – soils that are low in organic matter and subject to leaching. However, in recent years, we have seen sulfur deficiency on finer textured soils too.

From a distance, sulfur deficiency could be mistaken for a nitrogen deficiency. Both deficiencies result in yellow, stunted plants. Unlike N deficiency, where older leave show firing and yellowing, S deficiency will cause the younger, uppermost leaves to become yellow first.

Look for sulfur deficiency symptoms to show up in early spring, shortly after green-up, and while the soil is still cool, slowing mineralization of organic S from the soil. Crops lacking sulfur can be yellow and severely stunted, often resulting in severe yield reduction in the affected areas.

If sulfur deficiency was observed in a field during the previous growing season, then sulfur fertilization of the next crop is an easy decision. If you are in doubt, then soil testing is a logical step.

As mentioned earlier, we need a deep sample to test for sulfur. A 24-inch deep sample is our goal, but I have sampled fields where it is just 15 inches to limestone. If that is as deep as we can sample, we just need to record the depth so the lab can calculate the results accurately.

While six-inch deep samples can be taken with a shovel, you'll want a soil probe for collecting deeper samples. We have one we can loan to you. Give me a call and I might even might even deliver it to your house.

If you have questions, you can reach me at the Riley County Extension Office at 785/537-6350. Or, you can send e-mail to gmcclure@ksu.edu.

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• Silver Creek Beneficiary Club

plain white Keds.

SCBC kept in vogue with a trip to Eisenhower museum in Abilene viewing first ladies dresses. Meeting Programs: March wearing green for St. Patrick; dressing backwards for an April Fools; 4 clowns bring out the kid in members; dressing up like a hobo; Halloween masks; history of flour sacks for dresses and old pillowslips for underwear; antique jewelry, fans, buttons; making scrubbier out of nylon net; Fashion Shop on: scarves, earrings and tips on what not to wear; and members as models for a style show from the past done with humor facilitated by a couple from White City.

90s a time Seinfeld, Friends, and new sitcom are all about single adults. The Simpsons, South Park and the modern cartoon explore issues deeper than any sitcom.

SCBC Social time bonding over: favorite TV program; Irish jokes; birds; Grandparents; Mothers; Fathers; how I met my husband; Flag and Patriotism; holiday ideas and who made my Christmas special; hay barns escapades of childhood; memorable school experience; my worse goof; ATA bus service; turning 16 and drivers licenses; which way is South (sharing how everyone at one time or another have gotten directions mixed up;) windy stories and some were mighty windy.

SCBC enjoyed: Contests: TV commercials and it was acknowledged not many pay attention to commercials. Games: naming towns, cities, and tongue twisters. Quizzes: adjectives with letters from Lincoln's name; flag trivia, identifying member's wedding photos; and stupid test.

SCBC 90s music committee went from 2 to 1 pianist and 2 to 1 song leader. A special program tunes played on a harmonica by a member's husband. SCBC used club's song books to sing in unison songs: Auld Lang Syne; Let Me Call You Sweetheart; My Wild Irish Rose; Easter Bonnet; I'm Looking Over A 4 Leaf Clover; This Is My Father's World; You Are My Sunshine; America The Beautiful; Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree; School Days; Home on the Range; and Christmas Carols.

SCBC continue to compose songs and a song sung at their meetings:

The more we get together, together, together. The more we get together the happier we'll be.

For your friend are my friends. And my friends are your friends. The more we get together the happier we'll be.

The more we hold these meetings, these meetings, these meetings. The more we hold this meeting, the happier we'll be.

For your friends will be there, And my friends will be there. The more we hold these meetings, the happier we'll be.

Epilogue: Ahh whether you like it or not weather resulted in Tuttle Creek Dam filling up causing the use of spillway to release surplus water washing way hundreds of years of dirt; a tornado just outside of Keats destroying homes; Austin, the llama, took his herd of sheep to SCBC member Gladys Schurle's farm for safety; and the more SCBC gets together the happier they'll be.

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