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### by the numbers

As of Tuesday, Ellsworth County had one active case of COVID-19. On a scale with blue as the lowest and red the highest, Ellsworth County is in the blue zone, according to the local health department.



Ross Janssen's Weather  
April 21 to April 27

**WEDNESDAY 52/36**  
Mostly cloudy

**THURSDAY 56/41**  
Chance for rain

**FRIDAY 59/45**  
Chance for rain

**SATURDAY 62/47**  
Mostly sunny

**SUNDAY 74/42**  
Mostly sunny

**MONDAY 80/49**  
Sunny and windy

**TUESDAY 78/55**  
Chance for storms



Ellsworth High School prom goes include: back row, from left — Tyler Romero, Keagan DeLair, Brooke Farmer and Stormy Thompson and front row, from left — Dawsons Svaty, Macey Gustin and Steph Soukup. Wilson seniors will be in the prom spotlight this next weekend. Wilson students will promenade at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

## Red Carpet Night

Ellsworth High School staged its annual prom Saturday night after having to skip the event in 2020 because of the covid pandemic. Everyone looked nice in their formal wear as they arrived in fire trucks, a limousine, an old classic car and in other vehicles. There was even a truck pulling a boat. Once the students arrived at EJSHS, they walked into prom on a red carpet decorated with their names in stars. The bottom photo shows seniors at After-Prom in the Ellsworth City Hall gymnasium racing for ping pong balls, each color of which was worth a different amount of money.

Independent-Reporter photos by Lori Farmer



## Wilson revisits editor's murder

**Editor's Note** — This is the story about a city marshal and a newspaper editor, both in Wilson, whose legacy was returned to Ellsworth County by the editor's great-grandson. This is the first of two parts.

BY CHERILEE WARD  
Special to the I-R

At High Noon on Jan. 20, 2021, Gary Klotz, like Gary Cooper, faced a showdown with a notorious gang. But the showdown was friendly and the notorious gang included Wilson historians and gun aficionados, who had gathered at Lang Memorial Library to view the infamous revolver, owned by Klotz.

The revolver, now deactivated, was last fired 116 years ago, almost to the day, to enact revenge and bring swift justice to the perpetrator.

On Jan. 19, 1905, Wilson City Marshal Jesse A. Tillman used the revolver to gun down Klotz's great-grandfather, Col. Charles S. Hutchison, the Wilson newspaper editor. Tillman then turned the gun on himself.

The gang reverently inspected and photographed the .38 caliber, 5-shot Forehand & Wadsworth top-break double-action revolver, manufactured in Worcester, Mass. The minis-

culely stamped patent date, Dec. 7, 1886-Jan. 11, 1887, was discovered on the revolver's barrel by the sharp-eyed gang.

The small, easily concealed revolver is now nicknamed a pocket pistol or Saturday Night Special. The Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyo. confirmed the handgun was authentic and was a reliable sidearm.

Speculations were shared by the gang about the revolver and the three spent bullets. But the fateful day's events are best reconstructed from real time newspaper reports, now found in newspaper archives.

In October 1887, The Dorrance Nugget had offered the prophetic but eerie advice to Tillman, "Go a little slow, friend Jess, until you hear both sides of a story and it may someday save you lots of trouble."

Jan. 19, 1905  
Crack!

A gunshot split the stillness of the mid-afternoon January day. Col. Hutchison, the editor of the last surviving Wilson newspaper, The Wilson Echo, felt a sharp pain in his side and looked down to see dark red staining his suit vest.

Elderly Scotsman, Tom Latta, who was sitting nearby reading



Photo Courtesy Cherilee Ward

Gary Klotz holding the revolver used to murder his great-grandfather, Col. Charles S. Hutchison on Jan. 19, 1905.

the newspaper, froze in disbelief. Only seconds earlier, the two men had been staring at the Wilson City Marshal, Jesse Tillman, as he burst through the front door of the newspaper office.

Hutchison, momentarily dazed, quickly realized he was Tillman's intended prey. He started for the back door of the

one-floor newspaper office with Tillman close behind.

Crack!  
Another gunshot zinged through the air, hitting Hutchison in his chest near his heart.

Thrown off balance by the force of the bullet, he struggled

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## Johnson eyes state treasurer position

BY THE I-R STAFF

Steven Johnson, an Assaria Republican who has represented Ellsworth County in the Kansas House for a dozen years, announced Thursday night he plans to seek the job of Kansas treasurer.

Johnson's announcement came at the mid-year meeting of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association in Garden City.

Johnson, 55, worked in financial services before returning to his farm in Saline County and many of his committee assignments have reflected that background. As a House member, he serves as chairman of the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits and also is a member of the appropriations committee.

The state treasurer oversees Kansas revenue and finances, directs the investment of state assets and is charged with the safe and efficient operation of government through proper banking, investment and cash management.

Johnson said the issues he spent most of his time working on in Topeka seemed "really leading toward that office." In particular, he has been a leader in the effort to address unfunded liability in the Kansas public employees pension system (KPERs).

Johnson said he can continue those efforts in the treasurer's office.

The current state treasurer is former Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers, a Democrat appointed treasurer by Gov. Laura Kelly to replace Jake LaTurner, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Johnson, who said he decided about a month ago to seek the office, will face election in November 2022.



Johnson

# Calendar

## THURSDAY, APRIL 22

**HELP A VETERAN:** A veteran's representative is at Ellsworth's American Legion building from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions from veterans and their families.  
**ELLSWORTH AMERICAN LEGION MEETING:** Members of the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174 meet at 7 p.m. at the post home in Ellsworth.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 24

**PHONE CHANGE:** Beginning today, phone users in Ellsworth County and elsewhere in Kansas must switch to using full 10-digit numbers.  
**PUBLIC INVITED:** Former Ellsworth resident Harold Hansen is interred at 1 p.m. at the East Ellsworth Cemetery. After the interment, lunch will be served at Ellsworth's Immanuel Lutheran Church. Public invited.  
**CELEBRATION TIME:** Students at Wilson High School celebrate Prom at 6:30 p.m. in the school commons, followed by the Promenade at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

**BACK IN TIME:** The Fort Harker Guardhouse sponsors a Victorian Tea and Historical Fashion Demonstration from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center (former American Legion building) at Kanopolis.

## MONDAY, APRIL 26

**COUNTY BUSINESS:** Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161.  
**CITY BUSINESS:** The Ellsworth City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall and by Zoom. Information: (785) 472-5566.  
**CHAMBER BUSINESS:** The Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors meets from 6 to 7 p.m. at the chamber office in downtown Ellsworth.  
**CLEAN THE TOWN:** Ellsworth's city-wide spring clean-up is scheduled for April 26-May 1.  
**MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC:** The Kanopolis Middle School 6th grade music program is at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at EJSHS.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 27

**MOVING DAY:** Ellsworth County Economic Development moves from the building it shares with the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce to its new home at 107 W. 2nd St. Volunteers needed to help with the move. Call Stacie Schmidt, (785) 472-9204.

## SATURDAY, MAY 1

**MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC:** Wilson students in grades 5-12 present their spring music program at 6:30 p.m. in the Wilson gymnasium. Masks required; sit in family groups.

## MONDAY, MAY 3

**COUNTY BUSINESS:** Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161.  
**CITY BUSINESS:** The Wilson City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.  
**MUSIC, MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC:** The Ellsworth High School spring vocal and band concert and fine arts awards are at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at EJSHS.

## SATURDAY, MAY 8

**SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP:** Wilson Citywide Garage Sale is today. Signup forms available at area businesses.

## MONDAY, MAY 10

**COUNTY BUSINESS:** Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161.

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# Obituaries

## Harold Eugene "Butch" Hanson (1935-2020)

Harold E. "Butch" Hanson, 85, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at his home in Osage City. He was born Aug. 18, 1935 in Ellsworth, Kan. Graveside services are at 1 p.m. April 24 at the Ellsworth Cemetery.

## Mary C. Rodriguez (1934-2021)

Mary C. Rodriguez, 86, passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in Wichita, Kan. She was born Dec. 17, 1934 in Lyons, Kan. to Cresencio and Felisitas (Coronado) Martinez.

Mary married Joe Rodriguez in Ellsworth, Kan. in 1967. Together they were longtime residents of Ellsworth where Mary was a homemaker and member of the St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Mary is survived by her husband, Joe of Ellsworth; daughters, Linda Cuellar (Abel) of Hutchinson, Kan. and Gina Fernandez (Francisco) of Hutchinson; sons, Marty Rodriguez of Hutchinson and Jason Rodriguez of Ellsworth; grandchildren, Maricela, Emilio, and Maria Fernandez, Paul and Anjelica Cuellar, Mardie Rodriguez, and Zoie Jordan; great-granddaughter, Gianna Fernandez; and sisters, Angelita Moreno of Albuquerque, N.M., Rachel Martinez of McPherson, Kan., and Ramona Martinez of Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John, Connie, Manuel, Pete, and Tony Martinez; and sisters, Adella Martinez, Juaquina Gutierrez, and Andrea Martinez.

Visitation was Monday, April 19, at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth with a vigil and rosary service at 7 p.m.

The funeral mass was Tuesday, April 20, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Ellsworth with burial following in the Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Bernard's Catholic Church, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439. Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com

## Carla R. Schneider (1959-2021)

Carla R. Schneider, 61, passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2021 in Salina, Kan. She was born Nov. 6, 1959 in Ellsworth, Kan. to Alfred and Edith (Bruning) Soukup.

Having a passion for care, Carla graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina and became a Registered Nurse. She worked many years as a charge nurse in the ICU at Salina Regional Health Center then later as a rehabilitation nurse at Holiday Resort in Salina.

Carla is survived by her daughter, Heather Westbrook (Chad) of Lindsborg, Kan.; son, Eric Nienke (Randi) of Ellsworth; daughter, Kim Schneider of Kanopolis, Kan.; son, Jake Schneider (Kim) of Carneiro, Kan.; grandchildren, Kylie, Gus, Roselyn, Kaeden, Elliette, Holton, David, Dannie, Derek, and Jayden; brothers, Jim (Pam), Gary (Becky), and Steve (Gale); and sister, Paula Soukup. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Scott Soukup.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 20, at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth with family present from 5-8 p.m.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Parsons Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Salina Regional Health Center Auxiliary (a nursing scholarship will be established in Carla's name), in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Ks. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com.



Ms. Schneider



# Cancer fund tickets available

"Hope Soars" is the theme the Ellsworth County Cancer Fund has selected for this year's event Friday, June 11, at the Ellsworth Jr.-Sr. High School's Shalelec Field.

Teams participating in the Triathlon this year are Cashco, Inc., Ellsworth Medical Center, Team Mog, Ellsworth Stuco, Ellsworth Correctional Facility, First Bank Kansas, Team Schultz, Finke's Retail Liquor, Maico Ind., Mosaic, Jr. High team, and City of Wilson.

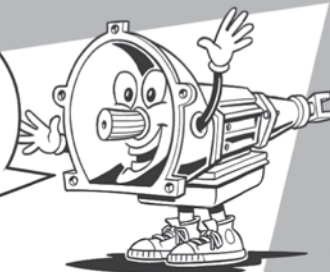
The ECCF T-shirt quilt will be raffled off at the event and is on display at Reliant Roofing. It also will be displayed at team events in the community, where tickets will be available for purchase.

It's not too late to form a team or to be a sponsor. Call Season Wacker or Deb Mog at Reliant Roofing (785) 472-3900 or attend the next committee meeting, which will be at 5 p.m. Monday, May 10, at High Jinks Rec. Club. The team meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

Ellsworth County residents who have cancer and need assistance should go to www.ellsworthcountycancerfund.org.



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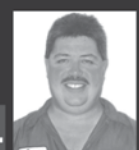


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## State passes mask decisions to local boards

BY NOAH TABORDA  
*Kansas Reflector*

In removing a mask mandate for students and faculty in the district, Russell County Schools board members questioned the science behind masks and whether they prevent the spread of COVID-19 in school.

The board voted 7-0 on Monday to leave the decision of whether to wear a mask up to the individual effective upon passage, citing low case numbers and increasing sentiment among staff that such a move could be done safely. In the same action, board members chose to do away with temperature checks at the front doors.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Russell County has recorded only 13 total new cases since the beginning of March.

Brett Mai, a board of education member for USD 407, said several teachers he had spoken with were ready to get rid of the mask mandate. Mai also noted a recent wave of stomach flu that

infected many Russell residents. If masks are effective, he asked, why were they not able to prevent the spread of that outbreak?

"The science is all over the place ... Maybe they worked with Covid, but I know with that strain of stomach flu, it did not matter," Mai said. "If they wear it, so be it. That's your right. If I don't want to wear it, I shouldn't have to. That's where I'm at."

School boards across Kansas are beginning conversations or taking action to modify their COVID-19 restrictions in response to Senate Bill 40. The measure provides school boards the ultimate authority to enact safety protocols and decide learning modality but requires districts to employ the "least restrictive means possible" to achieve the health and safety of those in the building.

The bill — passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor in March — establishes a procedure for individuals to address any grievances against their local school board. Board members must now decide if masks and other safety measures

remain a necessary step to ensure the health of students and faculty.

If not, school boards must face complaints. The change in law, concerns about possible litigation, and declining case numbers have sparked some school districts to take immediate action and ease restrictions.

The Centre school district in Marion County chose to roll back its mask mandate Tuesday with only 31 days left in the school year. Larned school district took similar action, leaving the decision up to parents.

Abilene Public Schools chose a more tentative approach, relaxing the policy outside of school buildings.

While cases are declining in some areas of the state, KDHE secretary Lee Norman recently reiterated the need for masks and social distancing as a safeguard against new strains of COVID-19. KDHE announced Tuesday the Brazilian variant of the virus has been found in Sedgwick County. Available vaccines are considered to be less effective against these variants, which are

also more easily spread.

Other districts are maintaining a holding pattern. In Garden City, the municipal face-covering requirement was removed in mid-March, but area schools still mandate masks.

Roy Cessna, a spokesman for Garden City Public Schools, said the goal was to ensure students and staff make it through the end of the year without incident.

"Each week, our superintendent has a phone call with the county health department to make the determination of what level we are operating at," Cessna said. "We're working to make sure we have on-site instruction, face-to-face learning through the end of the school year."

Under the bill, employees, students, and parents or guardians of students may seek a hearing with the local board of education within 30 days of any action being taken. Once they have received the complaint, the board must hold a hearing within 72 hours, and a decision must be made within seven days of the hearing.

If the complaining party is

unhappy with the response, they may file a civil action in court.

The Kansas Supreme Court established Tuesday a set of rules and procedures for legal hearings challenging government actions relating to COVID-19.

The rules are crafted to ensure the challenging parties, who in many cases may not be an attorney, can complete the complaint process.

Many districts, including Garden City, have yet to receive such a complaint. Others are already hearing from parents upset with continuing mask mandates.

In Olathe, the board of education recently maintained the district's mask mandate following a parent complaint, Fox 4 reported. The decision came after a parent requested their child be exempt from the mask rule. Another parent filed a second complaint following the hearing.

In the Blue Valley district, a Johnson County District Judge dismissed a case brought by Johnson County Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara.

## Mother's Day Generations Photo Contest

This year we are honoring Mothers by having a Generations Mother's Day Photo Contest. Find your favorite multigenerational photo and email your photo to [eciads@yahoo.com](mailto:eciads@yahoo.com). Make sure that your name, as well as your phone number are included with the picture.

Deadline to enter the contest is April 30.

The winner will be announced in the May 13th edition of the Ellsworth County I/R, and receive a gift basket with items provided by contest sponsors.

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# IR Opinion

## INDEPENDENT ELLSWORTH COUNTY REPORTER

Linda Mowery-Denning  
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### LARGER ISSUES

#### Debate over heritage areas raises questions in need of answers

BY SOPHIA FORD  
Reflections

The recent discussions about the proposed Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership (KNHAP) sparked input from individuals, organizations, and politicians who weigh in showing support or opposition to the proposal. Supporters of the KNHAP note the potential for increased tourism and revenue to rural areas, while opposition see a lack of transparency and threats to property, with some even proposing the KNHAP is linked to the Biden Administration's 30x30 plan to address climate change. With all of these stories circulating, I could not help but weigh in by talking to two prominent leaders on this

topic: Kim Wilson, Executive Director of the KNHAP, and Norman Kincaide, organizer for the Western Regional Property Rights Coalition. Here, I provide a brief synopsis of those interviews and provide further questions to think beyond the narrative at hand and examine underlying issues.

The roots of the Kansas Nebraska Area Heritage Partnership (KNAHP) trace back to a University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate landscape architecture classroom taught by Professor Kim Wilson in 2016. According to a KNHAP Press Release, these students' project centered on how to "increase economic development through a more regional approach to cultural heritage tourism." A group of nine students sought out information on local attractions and services to attract tourists within a two-hour driving radius of the Willa Cather Museum, which was one of several community collaborators.

During a series of three community meetings about potential opportunities to increase local tourism, a member of the community suggested a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation through the National Park Service. The suggestion of an NHA was met by overwhelming support from the audience. Supporters of the KNAHP as a National Heritage Area seek designation through the NPS for increased funding opportunities and publicity. Moreover, Kim Wilson sees that the KNHAP designation as a NHA will help empower community groups whose work centers on cultural heritage and historic preservation by bringing in interested tourists and additional resources.

As Kim Wilson told me, the designation through NPS provides more opportunities for residents to bolster their community and in no way infringes on private property rights. At this point, the KNHAP is still in the beginning phases of exploration into this project's scope through a feasibility study. This is a multi-layered and lengthy process to seek approval and designation by the NPS and the project is run by volunteers whose interest rests in a grassroots approach to work collaboratively with local communities. In the meantime, the group has met opposition.

Those opposing the KNHAP see the proposal as a threat to property rights. Norman Kincaide of the Western Regional Property Rights Coalition has traveled extensively throughout the region, giving talks opposing NHAs. I spoke with Norman Kincaide briefly about his interest in involvement and issues he sees associated with the projects. He said he became involved in 2018 when a resident from Nebraska alerted him about this proposed NHA in the region.

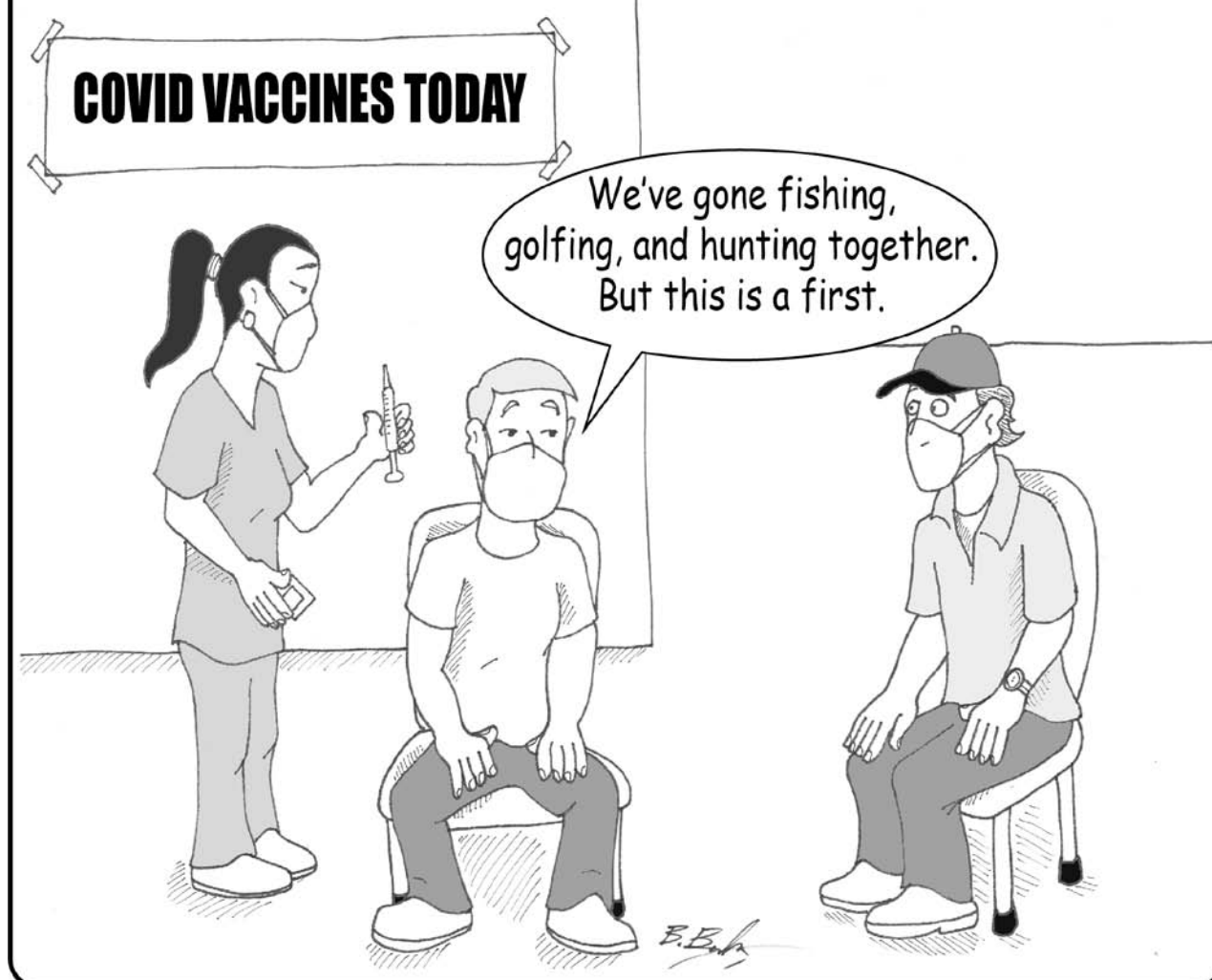
According to Norman Kincaide, the major points of opposition center around the lack of transparency in establishing NHAs and the infringement of property rights through zoning restrictions. Norman has written extensively on this topic of opposing NHAs and coordinated efforts in Southeastern Colorado to oppose a NHA in that region.

When I asked Norman Kincaide if he sees this as a land grab, he disagreed, instead saying that he sees it as a grab for managerial and administrative power and a means to acquire property rights through zoning. To further elaborate, he referenced Chapter 5 of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area's Management Plan, which is available online. As he put it, he sees this language in Chapter 5 as a means for a local jurisdiction to conform to federal guidelines. On that same note, Norman Kincaide shared an example of a proposed cell phone tower near a historic site in Colorado that had a zoning law that restricted any built features in view of the historic site. As a result of the zoning law, the cell phone tower was not approved.

This example is not too surprising given this is the intention of zoning, and might be similarly understood through other examples of restrictions, such as the example of the Alamo, where zoning restrictions prevent tall buildings from casting a shadow onto the Alamo memorial. Or even understood through zoning laws that restrict sewage treatment plants from being

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## The Buddy System



## From Our Readers

### Mask decision lacks common sense

I am disappointed in the decision by our board and school administration to drop the mask mandate.

A comment was made that we are living in a fear of "What if." I might remind those who use this apothegm in this case need to remember that life is filled with "what ifs."

In agriculture it's, what if it's dry, what if it hails, what if prices fall ... on the list can go.

Being prepared for "what ifs" is not fear, it's common sense — something the board and administration seem to lack in the "no mask decision."

A huge part of your responsibilities as board members and administrators is to protect children as much as possible. You, in my opinion, abrogated that responsibility with your no mask decision,

Kudos to USD 112 for making the right decision for the mask mandate.

Don Svaty  
Ellsworth

### Editor's Notebook

My father-in-law was a veteran of World War II. When he went overseas, my mother-in-law lived in Georgia with their first child until he returned.

Art loved history and he enjoyed telling stories about those years. He and my mother-in-law both remembered those times fondly in some ways, in particular the way families and neighbors — and even strangers — came together to fight for the country.

The war effort, as most of us have learned, took many forms other than actual combat. At home, women went to work, they planted gardens to provide food and families sacrificed — all for the common good.

Skip forward eight decades and the United States is a country that can't agree on anything. A friend recently said he was concerned for the future of our country because of what's happening along the southern border. I share his concern, except I fear the threat is much more homegrown.

I wasn't born until well after World War II, but I miss those days my in-laws talked about.

LMD

Steven Johnson announced this past week he intends to seek the office of state treasurer.

That's good news for Kansas. It's hard to imagine an individual better suited for a job.

Johnson is an Assaria Republican who represents the 108th District, which includes all of Ellsworth County, Lindsborg and part of Salina. He worked in financial services before he returned to Saline County to farm.

During his years in the Kansas House, Johnson has been a leader on tax policy and the effort to address unfunded liability in the Kansas public employees pension system (KPERs).

They're dry, yet extremely important issues.

LMD

Wilson's historic barn has been moved to its new home behind the Midland Railroad Hotel. This is the third barn move I've written about — the first was the Cooper Barn in Thomas County, the second was the Black Wolf barn.

The Cooper Barn can be seen from Interstate 70 on the grounds of the historic complex at Colby. The Black Wolf barn was moved by Curt and Joni Glaser of rural Ellsworth.

## The Bogus Sheriff

The infamous Sheriff Jones of "Bleeding Kansas" fame was appointed Douglas County sheriff in September of 1855, swearing to uphold the laws of the territory.

A decidedly pro-slavery Kansas territorial legislature adopted statutes that mirrored Missouri's pro-slavery laws as Kansas Territorial law.

The unpopular new territorial government was quickly labeled the "bogus legislature" by the free state anti-slavery abolitionists. Sheriff Jones did not escape the controversy, becoming known to his opponents as a "bogus sheriff."

The free state movement tripped the trigger of rebellion against the established legislature by creating their own legislature and authorizing the Topeka Constitution in November 1855. The territory erupted with the first death associated with the division south of Lawrence, Kan.

Franklin N. Coleman, a



'Cowboy' Jim Gray  
The Way West

proponent of slavery and Charles Dow, a man with abolitionist leanings argued over property boundaries. Dow was closely associated with Jacob Branson, a well-known leader in the free state movement. Their disagreement came to a head on Nov. 21, 1855, when Coleman killed Dow with a shotgun.

Coleman surrendered to Territorial Governor Wilson Shannon.

Shannon was described as "an extreme Southern man in politics, of the border ruffian type."

Gov. Shannon turned Coleman over to Sheriff Jones who was expected to deliver Coleman to LeCompton, more for the prisoner's protection than for his prosecution.

Learning that Jacob Branson had threatened Coleman's life, Jones and

his deputies detoured south, arresting Branson at his cabin.

But in the dark of night the free state men confronted Jones' posse and forced Branson's release.

While the rescuers took Branson to Lawrence, Sheriff Jones and his posse rode to the pro-slavery town of Franklin, a few miles southeast of Lawrence. From there Jones began the organization of 3,000 Missouri men to quell the "rebellion" in Lawrence.

To quell the disturbance Gov. Shannon negotiated a peace and disbanded Sheriff Jones militia on Dec. 7, 1855.

The agreement did not deter Jones from carrying out his mission to arrest free state leadership.

In January, 1856, he again entered Lawrence, this time to arrest a man for which the citizens of Lawrence, "had no sympathy ... (were) very willing he should be arrested."

As a crowd gathered to watch the sheriff make the arrest, "the slight form of a woman was seen approaching." She was described by Col. J. S. Emery as "little in stature, but somewhat larger than some men in heart."

The little woman produced a cocked pistol and announced, "Keep off, Mr. Jones; if you lay the weight of your hand on my husband I will send your spirit to the land of Benedict Arnold!"

Sheriff Jones boldly continued, but faltered when the barrel of the pistol was thrust against his chest. In resignation the sheriff turned away and "with a silly smile" he conceded that he would give up. "Yes, and by a woman," came a voice from within the crowd.

If one had thought that Sheriff Jones was through, he would have been gravely mistaken. The Feb. 2, 1856, Kansas Herald of Freedom continued the story. Two or

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Courtesy Photos

The recycling building at CB Trucking in Beverly was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

## Fire shuts down recycling effort

BY ALAN RUSCH  
Ellsworth County I-R

Ellsworth County commissioners received news Monday that will have immediate implications for many local residents and businesses. Teresa Shute, supervisor of the county recycling program, noxious weed department and county landfill, said she plans to shut down the recycling center as of Monday after a Sunday evening fire at CB Trucking and Services in Beverly destroyed the recycling building there.

“As of now, we have no place to go,” Shute said, noting the bulk recyclables and cardboard from the county recycling center were taken to CB Trucking and Services for processing. “Why take it when we don’t know what we are going to do with it?” Shute said the cause of the fire is believed to be electrical. She said in addition to Ellsworth County, several other cities took recyclables to CB Trucking, including Tescott, Lincoln and Minneapolis. In addition, CB Trucking also picked up recycling materials regularly at the

Independent-Reporter office. Shute said she had 10 telephone calls Monday morning with regard to recycling. “There’s a lot of people who recycle,” she said. “I hate to see recycling shut down,” Commissioner Greg Bender said. “I guess we need to reach out to see if we can find someone.” Shute said she plans to make a few telephone calls. She said CB Trucking plans to rebuild its recycling effort, but they have no idea when that will take place.



## Debate

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built in residential or downtown locations. I see that this contention might have more to do with the fraught origins of land use law than heritage areas, but I will save that discussion for another day. Based on these interviews, there is an argument for the KNHAP to support local tourism and increase revenue to

rural areas. On the other, an argument against KNHAP because of concern for property rights and a lack of transparency. Dare I say, both sides seem to have concern for rural livelihoods in mind. That said, there’s more to consider here as this debate speaks to larger issues at hand that need further questioning. For example, how this land was acquired, who it was stolen from, and who continues to ben-

efit from property rights? Additionally, what economic conditions bring upon the need for an ever-increasing revenue to rural areas? And finally, whose heritage is celebrated in local museums and National Park sites and who benefits? *Sophia Ford is a former resident of Wilson who now is a PhD student at the University of Oregon in environmental studies and geography.*

## Gray

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three days afterward he clandestinely returned, having learned that the little lady was “devotedly fond of music.” While Sheriff Jones remained out of sight his men persuaded her to “give them a favorable air.” While seated in a chair with her guitar she became, “lost in the beauty of the music.” Suddenly one of the men seized her, holding her fast to the chair!

The sheriff then opened the door and passed to the adjoining room to arrest her husband. All the while the wife screamed “until the scoundrel that took advantage of her confidence fled; but not before she had deliberately discharged three bullets from a Colt’s revolver after him.” All but one bullet went astray, with one grazing the assailant’s ear as he frantically raced away.

In a letter signed by “THE SECRET TWELVE,” Jones was warned that one more arrest would sign his “Death Warrant.”

Undeterred, Jones continued to harass the citizens of Lawrence. In April he made several attempts at arrests, finally bringing United States Dragoons with him to place several people under arrest on April 19.

Following the arrests he entered “a drinking house” where he offered the toast, “May the damned Abolitionists of Lawrence be made to get down on their knees and kiss the Territorial laws!”

That night while he and the soldiers were guarding the prisoners someone fired a shot into the tent. Sheriff Jones was shot in the back.

Such men are hard to kill. He survived and enacted his revenge by sacking Lawrence on May 21, 1856.

Sheriff Samuel Jefferson Jones was indeed a dangerous man who cut a wide swath across Territorial Kansas, but ne’er did an abolitionist think he was more than a bogus sheriff on The Way West.

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## The City of Ellsworth will be offering a FREE DUMP WEEK

FOR CITY OF ELLSWORTH RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ONLY

Dump Week will start on Monday, April 26 and run through Sat., May 1, at 909 West 9th, Ellsworth City Shop Yard. Weekdays 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The City will have a dumpster available to handle all metal items:

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The Following Items WILL NOT be accepted for the event:

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# IR Farm & City

## Jim Zvolanek to join Kanopolis City Council

BY DEBBIE KRALIK  
Special to the I-R

**K**ANOPOLIS — During the April 13 meeting of the Kanopolis City Council, council members learned a new person will soon be joining their ranks. Mayor Anthony Hopkins said he asked Jim Zvolanek to fill the seat formerly occupied by Pat Perez, who resigned at a past meeting. Zvolanek will begin his time on the council at the May 11 meeting.

In other business:

- ♦ Thaniel Monaco of BG Consultants said he and city employee Mike Bunch went to the site for the new water tower looking at alignment. The new water tower needs a 20 foot diameter for the bottom of the tower. The water tower will be 152 feet high and will have 60 psi.

- ♦ Approval was given to a \$4,500 bid from Terracon Consultants Inc., for geotechnical engineering services for the site of the proposed water tower. Approval is contingent upon approval by city attorney Patrick Hoffman.

- ♦ Monaco said APAC completed the work on Water Well No. 8 but failed to notify the city. Bunch will contact APAC to discuss the matter. The warranty walk through will need to be completed in about six weeks.

- ♦ Approval was given to a request by Kanopolis resident Janice Essick to reduce the price to rent the community center from \$250 down to \$150 for the all school reunion.

- ♦ Jack Modrow said he called City Plumbing in Ellsworth because he was having sewer problems. City Plumbing hit tree roots in the main line and he would like to be reimbursed for his costs of \$221.38. The council approved the reimbursement.

- ♦ Gary Falk had Alamo Specialties repair his sewer for the same reason as Modrow. Hopkins said he was going to talk to Hoffman to see what the City of Ellsworth does in these instances. A motion was approved to pay Alamo Specialties \$800.63.

- ♦ Approval was given to a \$3,251 bid from Michelle Briscoe to purchase the old city hall building.

- ♦ Approval was given to a \$405 bid from World Pest Control for pest control at city buildings. The bid was the same as last year.

- ♦ No action was taken after a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel (annual employee pay raises). Hopkins said employee reviews have not been completed in several years. As such, he, along with council president Michelle Schwerdtfeger and council member Tom Wilkinson will meet with the full time employees to complete the reviews.

- ♦ Hopkins said he would like to talk with the EMC Insurance representative regarding the annual premium before paying the renewal insurance renewal.

- ♦ Bunch gave the council advance warning that the 25 year-old mosquito sprayer will probably only make it one more year. Bunch said he cannot get the parts to repair the sprayer. The

cost to replace the sprayer is \$4,400.

- ♦ Bunch asked about the roads at the Kanopolis City Cemetery. Kralik will contact Sam Paull to see if he has completed the platting of the cemetery.

- ♦ Approval was given to order four or five new chlorine pumps not to exceed a total of \$2,500.

- ♦ Council member Rebekah Tripp said she has received several telephone calls regarding the Weaver and Bosquez properties. Kanopolis Police Chief Jeff Weigel will be asked to take action.

- ♦ Council member Greg Tripp said he has completed his map of the streets needing to be chipped and sealed. The Men's Club has been waiting to paint new lines on the road until after chip sealing has been completed. Tripp asked Bunch to order a load of cold mix. Hopkins asked if a culvert could be installed between his residence and Miley's residence. There is supposed to be a road there. Bunch will install a culvert.

- ♦ Kralik said the Kanopolis Fire Department had an accident at a fire near Brookville. Matt Munoz backed into Saline County's fire truck.

- ♦ Council approved a request by Essick to use the Community room at the Kanopolis Public Library for the summer lunch program.

- ♦ Approval was given to a request by Kralik to write off five accounts that she cannot collect on. Kralik said the accounts keep accruing interest and the letters she sends get returned as undeliverable.

### IN BRIEF

ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY

#### Grain prices up for the week

Prices paid for grain at the Ellsworth Co-op at the end of the business day, Monday, April 19, were:

Wheat, bu. — \$5.82, up 33 cents from April 12.  
Milo, bu. — \$5.72, up 23 cents.  
Soybeans, bu. — \$13.65, up 78 cents.  
Corn, bu. — \$5.92, up 23 cents.

The co-op has locations in Ellsworth, Black Wolf, Farhman, Hitschmann, Holyrood and Kanopolis.

#### Funds approved for parking lot

At a special meeting of the Ellsworth County Medical Center board of directors April 14, approval was given to spend an additional \$9,000 to complete the parking lot project. The total amount is not to exceed \$22,125. The board also approved the recalculated cost of \$39,186 to redesign the hospital's emergency room parking lot.

No action was taken after a 20 minute executive session with board attorney Roger Peterson to discuss matters deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship (legal issues).

#### Holyrood looks to the future

The Holyrood City Council focused on revitalizing the community April 12, during a strategic planning work session facilitated by Stacie Schmidt of the Ellsworth County Economic Development.

According to Allison Koch, council member, the event was well attended with 31 people, including council members taking part.

"Stacie guided attendees through a series of questions to stimulate conversation around what the citizens feel the City Council should focus on to revitalize the City of Holyrood," Koch said. "Stacie will be coming to the city council meeting on May 3 to present the compiled information and discuss the next steps with city council."

Koch said the strategic planning was planned as a follow up for the First Impressions presentation that K-State Research and Extension presented early in 2020.

The work session focused on several questions:

- ♦ When you think about the future, what concerns you the most?
- ♦ What differentiates Holyrood from other communities?
- ♦ What could/should Holyrood be offering that it currently isn't?
- ♦ What should the council focus on in the next five years?

#### State seeks housing comments

State officials are seeking feedback from Kansans to help guide future housing development efforts. The initiative, part of the state's first comprehensive housing needs assessment in nearly 30 years, aims to review current housing opportunities, identify strategic goals, and develop recommendations to guide future housing development.

"We've long known that the state's shortage of comprehensive housing data limits our ability to provide affordable homes for Kansans," said Ryan Vincent, executive director of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. "The feedback gathered through this study will be a crucial first step in identifying current needs and resources so we can ensure that every Kansas community has the housing needed to grow and thrive."

The study's current discovery phase includes a series of public listening sessions and a statewide survey to gauge community and stakeholder input. Consultants will use feedback gathered throughout the discovery process to assess opportunities and set strategic housing goals. The project's final phase involves developing a statewide housing plan and recommendations, with delivery anticipated by December 2021.

Community members are encouraged to share their input three ways:

1. Complete the Kansas Statewide Housing Needs Assessment online survey, available in both English and Spanish.
2. Participate in regional in person and virtual public listening session. The north-central session will be April 29 at Salina.
3. Visit the Kansas Statewide Housing Needs Assessment webpage to learn more and spread the word. Survey links and meeting details are available online: <https://kshousingcorp.org/kansas-statewide-housing-needs-assessment-2021/>

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# Murder

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through the back door and headed for Coover's Wilson Laundry, located in the alley. Here his sister would be working, taking in laundry. Hutchison was helped inside, where he collapsed at 2:45 p.m. and traveled into legend.

Tillman, his revenge appeased, hurried to his upstairs rented room in the J.H. Baum Rooming House, located on the west end of Saline Street, north of the railroad tracks.

News of the shooting spread like wildfire and a mob quickly gathered outside the Baum House. Joe Latshaw, the mayor of Wilson who had hired Tillman, and Harvey Baum, owner of the rooming house, went inside and shouted from the bottom of the stairs, "Jesse, give yourself up." The mob, growing larger, was armed and had rope ready for the lynching.

Tillman yelled through his door, he would soon be out, there was no hurry. The next few minutes vary, according to different newspaper accounts. Either Tillman stepped out and stood at the top of the stairs facing down at the crowd or stayed in his room, near his doorway. Or, according to eyewitnesses, an unnamed Wilson man climbed through an upstairs window and confronted Tillman.

Crack!

A third and final gunshot ushered Tillman into eternity. The Ellsworth Messenger reported Tillman had "placed the pistol, with which he had killed Mr. Hutchison, to his head and sent a ball crashing through his brain." His body stayed where he fell, until coroner Henry Mayer arrived on the evening train.

Tillman was buried in the Wilson Union Cemetery at midnight. The ghastly chore was illuminated only by the glow of the full moon for the two gravediggers, who were each paid \$9.

The City Clerk would soon order Tillman's possessions be sold to reimburse the City for "funeral expenses." There is no certainty whether Tillman's family received his salary for January 1905 of \$19.20 or his January payment of \$2 for killing dogs.

## Tillman's checkered life

Jesse A. Tillman was born in 1853 in Ottawa, Ill., where he was educated and grew to manhood. He was 6 feet tall, with a slight build. Tillman was married to Lillian Miranda Terry in October 1878 by her father, H.G. Terry, the minister at the Wilson Coal Mines. The 1880 Census listed the young couple as farming in Plymouth Township, Russell County, Kan. In 1880, Tillman was the Justice of

the Peace for the township and in 1881, he was the township assessor.

Finding the days dull, Tillman left for Ohio City, Colo. in July 1882 to seek his fortune working in a silver mine. By July 1883, Tillman was back in Plymouth Township and filing a complaint over losing his timber claim on Section 20. By 1885, Tillman and his family were living on Section 8 of Noble Township in Ellsworth County. Sadly in January 1887, his second of five children, Lula, died from diphtheria.

In August 1887, Tillman purchased and edited The Wilson Wonder newspaper. While running the newspaper, the Tillman family was

his wife, she defended her husband by testifying he was a successful cattle dealer and from a respectable family. In mid-January 1901, The Salina Daily Union reported Tillman's family thought he had bouts of insanity but always returned to be as sane as anybody. The newspaper mused on what Tillman will do or where he will go, when insanity hit again.

In July 1902, The Salina Herald reported Tillman had made a "pleasant call" to their office and proudly mentioned his cousin was Benjamin "Pitchfork" Tillman, the former governor of South Carolina and current U.S. Senator. By November 1902, The

mechanism and his wrist was broken. By October 1904, even with his well-known checkered life, Tillman was hired as the Wilson city marshal when B.H. Riley resigned. Tillman was now on his way to his dishonorable date with destiny.

## The first Wilson newspapers

In the era of Hutchison and Tillman, newspapers needed to win the circulation wars to survive and be profitable. Reckless headlines and sarcastic editorials often increased circulation but created grudges, old and new.

The first Wilson newspaper, The Wilson Index, was

McKittrick were the founding fathers of Wilson. McKittrick was the Kansas Pacific Railroad land agent and had arrived in Ellsworth County from Pennsylvania in 1871. Coover and Sackman followed in April 1872, leading the First Pennsylvania Colony of 40 families to Wilson, then named Bosland. Coover returned to Pennsylvania and brought the Second Colony of 50 families in April 1878.

Coover, a widower, had remarried Elizabeth Moore Hutchison in 1869. Coover brought his second wife and her children to Bosland with the Second Colony. Coover's step-son, Charles S. Hutchison, was born in 1864 and had lost his father in the Civil War. While still a boy, Hutchison had worked as a farm laborer to help his mother. At age 15, he started learning the printer's trade from his stepfather.

By 1884, Hutchison was employed as foreman of The Wilson Echo. When Coover died in January 1899, Hutchison became the newspaper's editor.

The same year, Hutchison was also appointed the Wilson postmaster, a position he held until his death. He went by the name, Colonel, an honorary title conferred on him as a sign of respect.

A second newspaper, The Wilson Wonder, appeared in April 1886 and was published by William DeBitt. The Wonder's office was on the second floor of the Russell Building, later known as the Olds Building. When the Wilson State Bank was completed in December 1886, the Wonder moved to the rooms above the new bank.

In August 1887, the Wonder was purchased by Tillman. In October 1887, Frank Jerome, an old comrade, joined Tillman as co-owner of the Wonder. Jerome was the former editor of The Russell Hawkeye and The Russell Record. He persuaded Tillman to change their newspaper's name to The Wilson Hawkeye. The first issue with the masthead, Tillman & Jerome, Editors and Proprietors, was published on Oct. 17, 1887.

By February 1888, Tillman had sold out to Jerome but still visited his old friend in the Hawkeye office.

**Next week:** The rest of the story.

*Cherilee Ward is the director of the Lang Memorial Library at Wilson. She is responsible for the detailed research found in this article. The second story will appear in the April 28 edition of the I-R.*



Courtesy Photo

Sam Coover and his step-son, Col. Charles Hutchison, in The Wilson Echo newspaper office, now the Wilson City Garage. The building was used as a newspaper office from 1894-1905.

respected and included in social events.

February 1888 found Tillman with money problems. He sold his half of the newspaper, then returned to farming and cattle brokering. During October 1888, Tillman filed a lawsuit to stop the foreclosure on his farm in Noble Township. In November 1888, Tillman was hurt for a second time that year from a horse falling on him. By 1889, Tillman's farm was sold at auction to settle \$800 owed to the Central Kansas Loan & Trust and W.S. Keller, who had sold the Wonder to him.

Tillman found work in the security profession in Kansas City but was still behaving badly. In January 1901, the Kansas City Journal reported Tillman had broken into a Kansas City jail and pleaded to be arrested, saying he was destitute. Tillman had a difficult time convincing the Chief of Police to arrest him but he won by his persistence. The "break into jail" story was reported in many newspapers across the state, including The Wilson Echo.

Released in the custody of

Topeka State Journal reported Tillman was in Topeka, full of "the bad brew" and was arrested for threatening to shoot a large hole in a Topeka policeman.

In January 1903, Sen. Benjamin Tillman, who Jesse Tillman was so proud to call his cousin, was linked to a sensationalized shooting in South Carolina. The editor of The Daily State newspaper had criticized Sen. Tillman relentlessly. In revenge, the state's lieutenant governor, James H. Tillman, shot the editor, who died on Jan. 19, 1903. James Tillman, nephew to Sen. Tillman, was later acquitted.

During October 1903, Tillman's wife was granted a divorce and custody of their two minor children. By May 1904, Tillman had surfaced once again in Wilson. The Wilson Echo took notice by reporting how Tillman had promised he wouldn't return to Wilson until he had accumulated \$10,000, an impossible feat for him.

In August 1904, Tillman was working for a threshing crew when his arm was pulled into the threshing

started in October 1878, by W.M. Risley. The Index used a homemade wooden printing press built by local mechanics, Henry High and Charles Kyner. The Index office was located in a small building owned by Wilkinson Power, on the same site where he would later build the Hotel Power, now the Midland Railroad Hotel and Restaurant. In May 1879, Risley relinquished the Index to Power as payment for his delinquent rent of \$28.

Weeks later, Sam Coover noticed the building was being emptied out and offered \$10 to Power for the entire contents of the newspaper office. Thus, on July 15, 1879, Coover became the owner of a newspaper. Coover moved the wooden printing press, two doors to the west on Saline Street, into the wooden shanty he owned. He changed the newspaper's name to The Wilson Echo and published the first issue in late July with the masthead, S.A. Coover, Editor and Proprietor.

Sam Coover, along with Jacob Sackman and John T.

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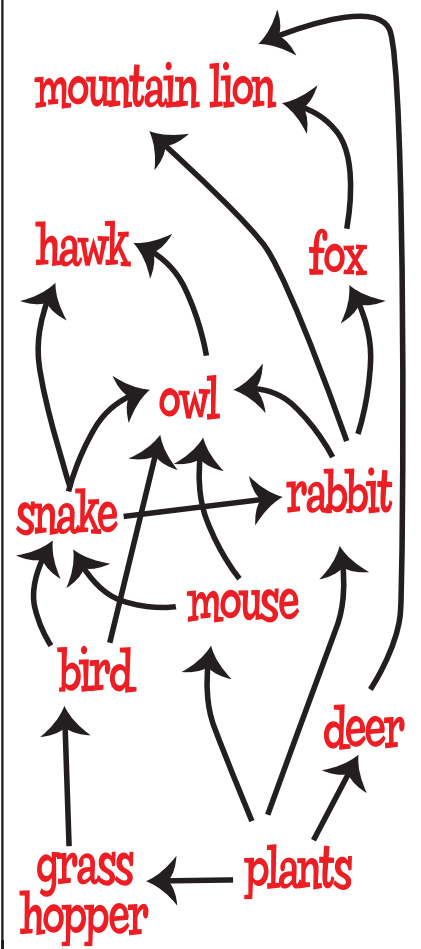


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# What is a food web?

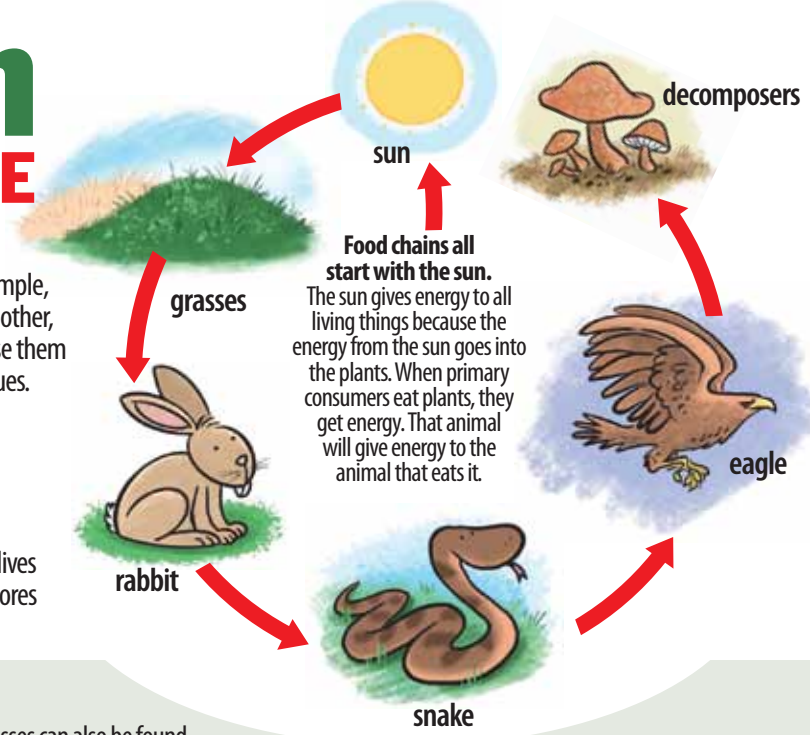
**Food webs** show how different food chains are connected. For example, a mouse and a rabbit both eat plants and seeds. Like a spider web, a food web can be very complicated since there are so many different creatures.



# Food Chain

## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

A food chain links plants and animals to each other for survival. For example, a plant gets eaten by a small animal. That animal is also food for another, larger animal. Ultimately, when plants and animals die, decomposers cause them to turn back into soil that will grow more plants and the circle of life continues. The diagram at right illustrates a basic food chain.



### Complete the Food Chains

Below are three unfinished food chains. Complete each chain by drawing, naming or pasting a picture of one of the choices of plants or animals who lives in that plant community. Think about which animals are herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

#### Evergreen Forest Community

The forest community has many different kinds of trees. Ferns and mosses can also be found.

<b>PRODUCER</b>  bay nuts • leaves madrone berries	<b>PRIMARY CONSUMER</b>  quail • squirrel deer	<b>SECONDARY CONSUMER</b>  fox • bobcat	<b>FINAL CONSUMER</b>  mountain lion coyote	<b>DECOMPOSER</b>  worm • fungi bacteria
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#### Creekside Community

The area along the banks of a creek is mostly moist and shady.

<b>PRODUCER</b>  Underwater plants algae	<b>PRIMARY CONSUMER</b>  aquatic insects fish	<b>SECONDARY CONSUMER</b>  newt frog	<b>FINAL CONSUMER</b>  raccoon scrub jay	<b>DECOMPOSER</b>  worm • fungi mushroom
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#### Grassland Community

This can be a dry and hot area. Mostly low, dense bushes and a few wildflowers can be found there.

<b>PRODUCER</b>  flowers • seeds berries	<b>PRIMARY CONSUMER</b>  rat • mouse insect	<b>SECONDARY CONSUMER</b>  snake • bobcat lizard	<b>FINAL CONSUMER</b>  owl hawk	<b>DECOMPOSER</b>  worm • fungi mushroom
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## Food Chain Words

- PRODUCERS:** Plants that produce their own food from sun, water, air and soil.
- CONSUMERS:** Animals that eat other plants and animals.
- DECOMPOSERS:** This group includes fungi, bacteria and worms that eat decaying plants and animals.

### Community Connections

Look through the newspaper for five or more people or places that are connected to your life. (Example: A grocery store where your family shops. What other connections can you find?)  
**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Let's Talk!

What would happen if all of the plants and animals in one of the links in a food chain disappeared? Talk it over with a parent or family member. What would happen if one animal in a food web became extinct?

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Draw the thing that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.

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### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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C	L	B	O	L	D	W	E	I	O
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: DECOMPOSER**  
The noun **decomposer** means an organism that breaks down dead plants and animals.  
Fungi are important **decomposers** at the end of the food chain.  
Try to use the word **decomposer** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Advertising Math

Find an ad in today's paper that is especially interesting to you. Using the subject of the ad, write a two-step word problem. Then, have a classmate try to solve your problem.  
**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Understanding meanings from context clues.

### Why did the mushroom have so many friends?

**ANSWER:** Because he was a real fungi!

### Write On!

#### Plan a Picnic

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## Ellsworth golf team controls the greens



*Courtesy Photo*  
**The Ellsworth Bearcat Golf Team took 1st place and five individuals received medals for being in the top 10 during April 13 competition at Minneapolis. In the team picture, from left, are: Coach Kevin Haxton, Rowdy Dunn, Parker McGowan, Avery Haxton, Will Cravens, Wyatt Bohnen, and Avery Holecek.**

BY THE I-R STAFF

**A**pril 13 was the kind of day that makes golf worthwhile.

The Ellsworth Bearcat Golf Team landed in first place with 367 strokes at the Minneapolis Invitational Tournament.

In addition, five team members received medals for finishing in the top 10.

Coach Kevin Haxton said he is pleased with his team's performances. Ellsworth took second place at its first tournament this season at Hoisington.

"We have a chance to make it to state as a team," he said.

The Ellsworth High School Golf team brought home a state trophy in 2012, also with Haxton.

"We're definitely con-



*Courtesy Photo*  
**Ellsworth's Avery Haxton eyes the hole during golf at Minneapolis.**

Leading the Bearcats at Minneapolis was Avery Haxton with a score of 85. He placed second behind Sacred Heart's Morgan Newell, who shot an 84.

Ellsworth's Will Cravens was fourth with a score of 90 and Parker McGowan was fifth with 92.

Bearcat Wyatt Bohnen finished seventh with a score of 100 and Rowdy Dunn was 10th with 103.

Placing 20th was Ellsworth's Avery Holecek.

Sacred Heart players Walker Tuttle placed third with a score of 87 and teammate Jason Marrs was sixth with 100.

Behind Ellsworth in the overall scoring was Sacred Heart, second, with a score of 373; Minneapolis, 438; Republic County, 458; and Beloit, 483.

tenders to get into the tournament," he said of his team's chances of going to state later this year.

## County schools compete at Ellsworth



*LORI FARMER/Ellsworth County I-R*  
**Central Plains sophomore Brynna Hammeke takes second in the high jump, clearing 5'2".**



*LORI FARMER/Ellsworth County I-R*  
**Above, Wilson senior Camryn Eberhart runs in the 4x100 relay.**

**Below, Ellsworth senior Luke Sharp goes for the long jump.**

**At bottom left, Ellsworth senior Trey Anderson wins the 200 meter dash.**

### Ellsworth track team does well

BY THE I-STAFF

**H**ere are the results from Ellsworth of the Ellsworth Invitational Track Meet April 13 at Ellsworth:

**Girls Results**

- High Jump — 4th Katelyn Soukup 4'6"
- Discus — 2nd Madison Kelley 96'0"
- Javelin — 2nd Kylan Turnipseed 100' 9 1/2", 4th Rylan Ohl 97' 7"
- Shot Put — 4th Madison Kelley 31' 11 1/4"
- 100m Dash — 6th Shaylee Leiker 13.47
- 200m Dash — 6th Shaylee Leiker 28.45

**Boys Results**

- Long Jump — 5th Luke Sharp 19' 2 1/2"
- 100m Dash — 3rd Trey Anderson 11.33, 4th Luke Sharp 11.44

200m Dash — 1st Trey Anderson 23.16

4x100m Relay — 3rd Ian Andalon, Trey Anderson, Riley Stone, Luke Sharp 46.20

3200m Run — 5th Byron Johnson 11:15.60

"Overall, The kids performed well. The weather turned out really well and was pretty good conditions to compete in. Never know what you get in early April," said Coach Nick Rodriguez.

"Our female throwers continue to compete well. Madison has had two really solid meets in the shot and discus. Kylan has thrown well in the javelin and Rylan is getting some great experience as a first year high school thrower.

"Shaylee is competing well in her dash races.

"The boys are led by seniors Trey Anderson and

Luke Sharp. Trey has competed well in the 100m and 200m. Luke has done well in the 100m and we added the long jump this week. We also ran a 4x1 relay this week.

"Had a bit of bad luck on Monday before the meet as our lead-off runner injured his hamstring so we had a last-minute replacement there.

"Byron had his second solid run in the 3200m run.

"A great addition to our home meet was Fully Automatic Timing system by Midwest Timing and Results and had live updated meet results as the races were completed throughout the entire meet. Lots of great comments on that upgrade.

"Thank you to everyone involved in helping with the meet as it takes a lot of manpower to host a meet."



# I-R Sports

## Ellsworth baseball splits with Minneapolis

BY THE I-R STAFF

The Ellsworth Bearcat Baseball Team managed a mostly good week, despite one loss and a couple of close calls.

The 'Cats finished 5 and 4 and 0 and 10 at a double header Thursday, April 15, at Minneapolis.

Ellsworth fared better the Tuesday before with double header wins at Ellinwood. The final scores were 8 to 7 and 10 to 5.

In the first game with Ellinwood, the 'Cats earned the victory despite allowing the Eagles to score five runs in the second inning.

Ellinwood scored in the second inning when Parker Scheck

tripled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring three runs.

The 'Cats evened the game at seven in the top of the sixth inning when Bearcat Ben Hipp drove in a run.

Dayton Davis had the win for the Bearcats, lasting two innings during which he allowed one hit and zero runs while striking out four and

walking none.

Jaxson Stefek started the game for Ellsworth. He lasted five innings, allowing eight hits and seven runs while striking out four.

In the second game, the Bearcats started off well in the first inning, when Davis doubled on a 2-1, scoring a run.

Ellsworth knocked down

four runs in the fifth inning — a ground out by Braden Schulte, a fielder's choice by Layton Leiker and an error on a ball put in play by Teagan Nienke.

Lane Rolfs earned the win for the Bearcats. He went six and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on four hits and striking out 14.



Above, Ellsworth freshman Peyton Coonrod waits for the ball. At right, senior Braden Schulte makes contact with the ball during a mostly winning week for the Bearcat Baseball Team. The Ellsworth Softball Team buried Minneapolis in a double header by scores of 16-6 in the first game and 15-0 in the second.

I-R photos by Lori Farmer

### Central Plains High School & USD 112's Student Of The Week



#### Kyla Metro

Kyla Metro, a sophomore at Central Plains High School, is this week's Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Amy and Philip Metro.

Kyla's siblings are Ryann, Alden, and Kael Metro. Kyla's activities include tennis, basketball, and track. Her hobbies are playing tennis, spending time with family, cooking and reading.

What Kyla likes best about school is being part of the tennis and basketball teams.

Kyla's future plans are to graduate high school with good grades, go to college and find a job she likes and will do for the rest of her life.

"Kyla exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. She puts forth her best effort on homework assignments and studies for tests. Kyla follows all classroom rules and is helpful and friendly toward her classmates."

Joan Klug - Math Teacher

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The Ellsworth Reporter celebrates a major milestone

The Ellsworth Reporter turns 150 years old at the end of this year. To mark the milestone, we plan to publish a cookbook with recipes from our readers and stories that have appeared in the Reporter over the years.

Many residents and former residents of Ellsworth County have worked at the Reporter. We especially would like contributions from you (along with any memories you would have of working at the Reporter).

Please send your recipes to [community@indyrepnews.com](mailto:community@indyrepnews.com).

Please also include your name and phone number so we can call you if there are any questions.

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## Friends and family raise a toast to Al

BY ALAN RUSCH  
Ellsworth County I-R

**D**ORRANCE — Al Steinert, longtime owner of Al's Bar and Grill in downtown Wilson and community supporter, was fondly remembered by his friends Saturday afternoon, during a celebration of his life at the DCBA building in Dorrance.

Tammy Pellant, a former employee and organizer of the remembrance, said she knew Steinert most of her life.

"He was always for the city of Wilson and the people," she said. "And always, from the kids to adults, trying to do things and keep everybody entertained and happy. He was always giving to everybody."

Steinert passed away from pneumonia Feb. 2 at Ellsworth County Medical Center.

"He went peacefully," Pellant said. "In fact he told me he was leaving out on his big jet plane."

Pellant said that was Steinert's sense of humor.

"It was always good and upbeat," she said.

Pellant said if Steinert could be at the remembrance, he would probably laugh at everyone and think they were silly for all the things he told them simply to do and let it go.

"There are so many memories," she said. "Even after he passed and the talk of the celebration, everybody was like I met my husband there, I met my wife there, Al did this for me, I remember going in for pancakes and Al sitting with me for coffee."

Pellant said she remembered every morning when members of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church would come into the bar and grill after attending mass and Steinert sitting with them for breakfast and coffee.

"He was always entertaining everyone that came in and enjoyed them," she said. "He enjoyed the people, he enjoyed the town."

Pellant said Steinert was the first to get the Jaws of Life for Wilson.

"That's why he had started the Testicle Festival years ago,



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

Elaine Vopat, Tammy Pellant, Kristy Heffel and Colton Pellant toast their friend Al Steinert Saturday with a cold one. Heffel is holding an Al Steinert for Mayor campaign poster.

and then the chamber took that on," she said. "I hope that keeps being a memory of him too."

Pellant said Steinert was excited when the Wilson Chamber of Commerce picked up the reins of the festival and kept it going.

"He was glad it was something benefitting the chamber," she said. "He tried every year to go to the (Lions Club) park and be involved. He was happy for the city to be growing and doing. So I think he was proud of the people to continue it on."

Pellant remembers when Steinert ran for Wilson Mayor in 2005 against Eleanor Hunter. Steinert lost to Hunter in a coin flip overseen by the county commissioners.

"I remember that night so well, he was so nervous and so anxious," she said. "I don't know how many hundreds of people he got to vote that year and sign up to vote. That was a big thing he pushed."

Pellant said while she was cleaning out his room, she found a big stack of voting cards which Steinert handed out to everyone.

"It was a matter of getting involved with the community, getting people to work together and get things done," she said. "He was ready to work for the

city, he was ready to work for the people."

In keeping with Steinert's former occupation as a bar and grill owner, Pellant said the remembrance will include consuming beer.

"I think maybe we might even go to the harder stuff just for Al tonight at the end," she joked.

Kristy Heffel said she met Steinert because her husband, Travis, worked for him as a part-time cook.

"I met him (Travis) about 17 years ago," Heffel said. "He took me to Al's and introduced me to everybody. It was pretty much family since then. Everybody treated you like you were part of the group."

Pellant said she was nine months pregnant when she took over the business for Steinert in January, 1999.

Pellant said Steinert was like a grandfather to her newborn son, Colton.

She remembers Steinert taking Colton over to the bar each morning to salute the morning with a glass of orange juice.

"He (Steinert) would take him (Colton) to school in Tweety, his old yellow pickup," Pellant said. "So proud, like a grandpa, coming back smiling and happy. He was definitely a

family-oriented man."

"I'm going to miss seeing him around," said Colton, now 22 years old. "But it's for the better — he's not suffering."

Colton said every time he saw Steinert, it automatically put him in a good mood.

Heffel said one of her favorite memories of Steinert was his dart-throwing ability.

"That man could throw darts," she said. "Even in his wheel chair, he could kick your butt in darts."

In addition to hitting bulls-eyes, Heffel said Steinert was very good at the dart game called Crickets.

"I hated playing against him, but he was the coolest to see," she said. "It (the dart) was just so fluid in his hand."

Pellant remembers Steinert having Colton at a high tech dart tournament when Colton was 3 years old.

In addition to darts, Steinert was known to show his friends the finer points of playing billiards.

"He taught Travis a lot of little tricks which he (Travis) taught me, and I beat him," Heffel said.

Pellant said she misses Steinert greatly and remembers him often saying it will be all

right. "And it is," she said. "It's always all right."

Pellant said Steinert sat in a dentist chair at the corner of the bar with a drink welcoming people who walked in the door.

"He welcomed you with open arms," she said.

Pellant said Steinert was always talking about taking her to Las Vegas to gamble.

"That was a big thing for him," she said. "He wanted to take me out there and do that. So I thought it was pretty cool when he told me he was going out on his jet plane."

Although his parents were originally from Dorrance, Steinert was born in Hays and went to school in Russell.

Pellant said as he got older, Steinert moved to California, served in the United States Navy, then came back to the Dorrance-Wilson area in the 1980s.

Elaine Vopat, another friend, said the remembrance was tough because he always there for her.

"My son, Joshua, is a Marine and he went to Iraq," Vopat said. "If I needed somebody to talk to, I knew I could rely on Al. He was a very big part of our lives."

"He touched your heart, he held your heart," Pellant said.

"He would talk to you for hours if you let him," Heffel added.

Vopat said she agrees with Pellant about the way Steinert would feel about the gathering in his honor.

"He's up there laughing at us thinking maybe we should just let it go, but we can't," Vopat said. "He touched too many people and he's just been a big part of all of our lives. It's just one of those things — he'll never be gone."

Pellant said in the end, Steinert's legacy — much like other residents who have dedicated their lives to Wilson — was one of setting an example for others to follow, and of building up the community to make it better for future generations.

## Wilson City Rowden hired by council

BY ALAN RUSCH  
Ellsworth County I-R

**W**ILSON — The City of Wilson has a new assistant city superintendent. At Monday's meeting of the Wilson City Council, Jake Rowden was hired for the job at a starting wage of \$16.50 per hour, pending a check on his driver's license.

The approval came after a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel (the assistant superintendent job).

In other business:

- No action was taken after a 15-minute executive session with city attorney Theresa Staudinger to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate.

- At a board of health hearing before the council meeting, officials gave the owner of the property at 2209 Ave. F until April 30 to have a plan that can be shared with the council on how to proceed with clean up of that property. At the May 3 council meeting, the council will consider whether to give the property owner another extension.

- At a board of health hearing on the property at 919 23rd St., the owner was given until June 18 to make significant progress on cleaning up all violations cited on the property. The council will then consider whether to grant an additional 30 day extension.

- During an update on inoperable vehicles found in violation of city ordinance, vehicles at 607 29th Street, 2411 Ave. E, 616 24th Street, 2303 Ave. B, 516 26th Street, 2508 Ave. F, 709 24th Street, 3212 Ave. D, and 2218 Ave. F were discussed. The council approved a resolution directing the owner of the

property at 607 29th St. to remove the vehicle. The council also approved an extension until May 3 to remove the vehicle at 2411 Ave. E.

- The following properties were discussed and updates given after they were found to be in violation by the board of health: 205 24th Street, 308 26th Street, 715 29th Street, 416 29th Street, 2104 Ave. E, 2411 Ave. E, 2209 Ave. F, 709 27th Street, 919 23rd Street. Extensions until April 30 were approved for 2411 Ave. E and 709 27th Street.

- Approval to notify the property owners at 415-417 28th Street, 411 28th Street, 516 23rd Street and 2204 Ave. B was given informing them they are in violation of city ordinance and have a right to request a public hearing.

- The council will determine a date in the near future for a public forum to discuss the Abandoned Building Ordinance No. 854.

- Approval was given to purchase red shale for the ball field in Jellison Park for \$4,872. The funds to purchase the shale will come from a Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation grant the city was recently awarded.

- The council will seek proposals and bids to build a new city website. Mayor Mike Peschka reminded the council it should get the best one possible.

- Peschka said there has been some vandalism at the ballfield. Wilson Police Chief Josh Tipton is investigating.

- Joe Soukup, city superintendent, said it would cost \$36,000 to crack fill the streets in one third of Wilson. A decision by the council will be made at the May 3 meeting to give Soukup and council member Chuck Crawford time to get some additional information.

## SPRING PLANT SALE



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

Above, Agnes Kepka, right, and Karen Kratzer look at the selection of plants and vegetables during the April 16 plant sale at the Ellsworth High School FFA Greenhouse. Below, Mickey Bowie studies the varieties available.



# I-R Community/Sports

## Birth

### Lydia Nicole Vague

Ben and Laura Vague of Ellsworth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Nicole Vague.

Lydia was born March 1, 2021 at Salina Regional Health Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Welcoming Lydia home are Landon, age 10, Leyton, age 7 and Layla, age 4.

Maternal grandparents are Steve Habiger and Deb Habiger.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Linda Vague.



Lydia Nicole Vague

Great-grandparents are Rose Marie Dolezal and Helen Pflughoeft.

Additional great-grandparents are the late Kenny Pflughoeft, Sr., Joe and Norma Habiger, Raymond Dolezal and Charles and Ila Fern Vague.

## Ryan takes first in No. 1 singles at Ellsworth meet

BY THE I-R STAFF

The Ellsworth Bearcat Tennis Team ended the day April 15 in 5th place with 35 points at the Ellsworth Invitational Tennis Meet while the Central Plains Oilers Team placed 4th overall with 39 points.

In No. 1 singles action, Bearcat Grady Mueller lost to Max Kice of Wichita Classical and to Billy Wahlmeier of Concordia. Mueller defeated Fairfield's Harris Siller to end in 7th place with a total of 3 points.

The Oilers' Peyton Ryan defeated Siller of Fairfield, Hoisington's Braden Mooney, and Sterling's Rhain Isaac to finish in 1st place with 21 points.

In No. 2 Singles action for the 'Cats, Colton Bettenbrock placed 7th. He lost to Evan Foltz, Hoisington and Vance Mitchell of Wichita Classical. He defeated Fairfield's Mackenzie Fischer, ending with 2 points for the day.

For the Oilers, Hunter Green lost to Joshua Wood of Concordia, defeated Fischer of Fairfield and lost to Foltz of Hoisington. He finished in 6th place with 4 points.

In Doubles action, the No. 1 Bearcat Doubles team of Brendan Anderson and Adam Vehring finished in 2nd place by defeating Ismael Perez and Tyson Rousch of



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Peyton Ryan of Central Plains has his eye on the tennis ball in this file photo.

Concordia, defeated Ty Fulbright and Carson Shimer of Sterling and lost to Isaac Branam and Ethan Chouinard of Wichita Classical. They finished the day with 18 points.

Bearcat's Chase Bourbon and Jaret Brungardt finished in 2nd place in No. 2 Doubles. They defeated Isiah Jensen and Jacob Togerson of Central Plains, defeated Isaac Bombardier and Taryn Roush of Concordia, and lost to Max Ball of Charlie Graham of Wichita Classical. The 'Cats finished with 12 points for the day.

For the Oilers, after Jensen and Togerson lost to Ellsworth, they lost to the team of Hunter

Morris and Ryan Woydziak and then defeated Fairfield's Kelly Griffin and Cassidy Kennedy to finished in 7th place with 2 points.

In addition to the Oilers 4th place finish and Ellsworth's 5th place, Wichita Classical took 1st place with 58 points, Abilene 2nd with 48 points, Sterling 3rd with 43 points, Hoisington 6th place with 31 points, Concordia had 26 points for 7th place and Fairfield finished in 8th with 0 points.

The 'Cats and Oilers met again Monday at Claflin. The 'Cats competed Tuesday at Abilene while the Oilers were at Hoisington April 22. Results were not available at press time.

## Library News

### Fun kid activities are planned for this summer

BY COLLEEN SIPPTEL

Cover to Cover

Well hello, people of Ellsworth, how are you? It is so good to be back into a more normal routine. It is amazing how quickly you get out the habit of doing certain things.

As we are back to normal hours, we repeatedly have to remind ourselves of things that just a year ago were second nature. Also, doesn't it seem like we lost a whole year? We will be talking about something we did last year, and someone will say no, we didn't, we weren't even open last year at that time — that was two years ago. It is so strange! But we are back in full swing and working on some things that we think will be a great addition to the community.

Right now, we are working on getting outdoor games/activities that can be checked out such as Can Jam, Corn Hole, a telescope, urban poles, supplies to play frisbee golf and maybe a couple of tennis rackets and balls. At this time these are just ideas, so if you would like to make suggestions, we are open to them, or even letting us know if you think this would be a good idea or not would help.

Our Book Club met Sunday afternoon for a "Party of Books". It was fun to get together to talk about what we read in 2020 and what we are looking forward to reading in 2021.

We start Tai Chi classes Monday, April 26. This is a 4-week class, two times a week at 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays for 45 minutes. There is a limit of six people, but we do still have some openings, so please call us and we will get you in.

Tai Chi years ago started as a martial art and now it is used more for its health benefits and is considered more of a slow meditation style practice. There is no cost, and we would love to have you join us. If you would like more information, please give us a call at (785) 472-3969.

Storyhour finished up last week. It was really great getting to see the little ones in the library again. We still were not able to play some of the things we normally would have, but they were here and we got to see their smiling faces and hear their laughs and giggles!

We will be having our summer program this year. Lindsey Renard will be doing the storyhour for the little ones ages 3 years through those going into kindergarten. Sara Klein will be doing the activities for the kids going into 1st through 6th grade. They are making all the plans right now, so make sure and keep your eye out for more information. Flyers will be sent home with the kids in May.

Tutoring will be available again this summer for reading and math. It will be more one on one this year. You can go on our website at [www.ellsworthlib.org](http://www.ellsworthlib.org), our Facebook page, or you can call us and sign up for the time that works best for you.

The Knitting & Crocheting Group will be starting May 3 from 6-7 p.m. We are planning on meeting the first Monday of the month through the summer and then reevaluate from there. I know that sometimes it's too hot in the summer to knit and crochet, but we are figuring we can plan for Christmas gifts! We know how fast the year is going, so it will be here before you know it and we will be ready!

Happy Reading!

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### New ECMC board member needed from Wilson

The Ellsworth County Medical Center board of directors will soon need a new board member.

That is what Andrew Bair, the hospital's chief executive officer, told the Ellsworth County commissioners during Monday's weekly meeting.

Bair said Kenny Beneda plans to come off the board in late June and he wanted commissioners to know about it so they could begin thinking of a successor.

Beneda, from Wilson, currently serves as board president. In a brief telephone interview with the Independent-Reporter Tuesday morning, Beneda said he and his wife, Marcie, plan to travel.

Bair said he will provide a list of possible board members from Wilson for consideration.

In other business:

• Bair said the board approved spending an additional \$22,000 to renovate the hospital parking lot after work crews found the underlayment was not thick enough. Also approved were funds to increase the radius of the driveway to the emergency room in order to better accommodate ambulances.

### SENIOR MENUS

April 26-30

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Lunches for people age 60 or older are a suggested donation of \$3.50 and under 60 are \$5.25. Reservations may be made by calling by 2 p.m. the day before the meal. Call Ellsworth at (785) 472-5185. Beverage includes milk.

MONDAY — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, mixed fruit, roll and beverage.

TUESDAY — Chicken-fried steak, Au gratin potato, steamed cauliflower, baked cinnamon apple, roll and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Roast turkey, cranberry/orange relish, stuffing, roll, green beans/onion, mashed sweet potato, pumpkin crunch cake and beverage.

THURSDAY — Sweet/sour chicken, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, broccoli/raisin salad, cottage cheese/pineapple, bread and beverage.

FRIDAY — Roasted red potato, carrots, fruit salad, biscuits and beverage.

#### WILSON and HOLYROOD

Lunches for people age 60 or older are a suggested donation of \$3.50 and under 60 are \$5.25. The center offers free rolls and coffee at 9 a.m. on Fridays. Call the Wilson Senior Center at (785) 658-2388, or Holyrood at (785) 252-3640. Beverage includes milk.

MONDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, salad, garlic bread, apricots and beverage.

TUESDAY — Hamburger/bun, potato wedges, onions/lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce, cookie and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Taco salad, salsa/chips, custard, pineapple and beverage.

THURSDAY — Sweet/sour pork, rice/broccoli, roll, strawberries/brownies and beverage.

FRIDAY — Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, roll, pie and beverage.



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# IR Religion

## Scars of survival

I don't know how many times I have heard it said in joyous tones and in exasperated tones: "Sooner or later you just have to live again and stop being afraid." These comments are about setting aside strict Covid protocols to "go back to the way things were."

For many of us, we have much to be thankful for. By and large we might remember that things were very good before the pandemic. It makes sense to long for that past. For others, the hard times in the old times do not prompt a similar longing. Either way, for good or bad, there is a tendency to see the past as the best model for moving forward. It is what we know.

But I can't find any hymns or praise songs glorifying God and celebrating going back to the way things were. It's all about new life and things never being the same again, and that is a good thing.

Easter is about new life and renewed life. In reformed theology we talk about being reformed and always reforming. We have had a good year's worth of disruption. Our whole year has been a perpetual Saturday full of anxiety and worry about what might happen next. Although Jesus told his disciples He would rise in three days, they sat behind locked doors waiting for the



**Pastor Amy Jo Hawley**

*Pastor's Podium*

next shoe to drop.

This Easter, as with all Easters, I appreciate that Jesus gives us a new life. He is always going ahead of us, as He said, leading us to new challenges and possibilities. We are sent out to new frontiers, sometimes just new parts of our relationships with each other, or new mission projects or new ways of thinking.

Jesus entered through locked doors where the disciples hid in fear. He showed them his scars ... hands and feet and side bearing the wounds of our doing which were not enough to have him forsake God or us. He came back to offer us His Peace in spite of all of his suffering.

This gives me encouragement as we begin the emergence from Covid protocols. We are starting to gather more freely in worship and ministry. As we start planning for VBS and the summer lunch program I appreciate that the still tender wounds caused by isolating and cancelling VBS and other important events and programs last year have started heal-

ing over with a new layer of community care in programs like #Becausewe care, the expansion of services by Central Kansas Mental Health and our health clinic and hospital and Simply Produce and other food distribution programs.

We have a new appreciation for how working together is essential for the well being of the whole community. The wounds are now being covered with tough protective layers of cooperation and mutual advocacy among our various business, healthcare, church, service and community groups.

VBS and the summer lunch program and other community and family activities will hopefully all resume but I know they will be done with new twists. That is the way when moving forward with God.

On my shelf I have a seashell brought from the Philippines where I lived for several years in my youth. It bears the scars of the creature that lived within it. The shell has a series of healed cracks where the shell was once broken by the turbulence of the sea, but beyond each mark is the new growth that emerged. The shell bears testimony that, scar after scar, the growth and life continued.

I pray this will be our story as we emerge from a time of Covid. We have a vaccine, and we have knowl-

edge. Most of all we live in the world of the resurrected Christ. He is always going ahead of us, beckoning and calling us to catch up to Him in the glorious new creation.

As Paul put it so eloquently, "If we have been united in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." In wake of the risen Christ, we can never "go back to the way things were". And we should thank God for that.

### Pastor's Podium

The Pastor's Podium column is offered each week by a different pastor or lay person representing an Ellsworth County church.

The week's columnist is Amy Jo Hawley, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth.



## Church Services In Ellsworth County

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Bill Gies, pastor  
114 W. Anderson, (785) 225-6875

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Fr. Rick Kotrba  
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**United Methodist**  
Diana Webster, pastor  
213 Third, (620) 562-3393

**Salem United Methodist**  
Tom Reazin, pastor  
517 Ave. E, (620) 562-3334

**CARNEIRO**  
**Carneiro Fellowship Center**  
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**First Lutheran - ELCA**  
Brenda Rodger PMA,  
417 Coleman  
Sunday service: 8:30 a.m. Jan.-June; 11 a.m. July-Dec.

**St. Joseph's Catholic**  
Fr. Tony Kulandajesu

**GENESEO**  
**Geneseo United Methodist**  
Guy Rendoff, pastor  
407 8th, (620) 824-6498  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
UMW: 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.

**ELLSWORTH**  
**Harvest Bible Church**  
Marc Compton, pastor  
907 Evans, (620) 562-0168.  
Sunday service: 10:30 a.m.

**Assembly of God**  
Exie Barber, pastor,  
108 W. Eighth, (785) 472-3232  
Basic Sunday morning services from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. with careful social distancing.

**Holy Apostles Episcopal**  
104 W. Fourth  
Service information not provided.

**First Presbyterian**  
Amy Jo Hawley, pastor  
405 N. Lincoln, (785) 472-5557.  
9-9:45 a.m. Sunday, First service.  
9:50-10:20 Sunday School.  
10:30-11:15 a.m. Sunday, Second Service including live on Facebook at Ellsworth First.

**Immanuel Lutheran LC - MS**  
Luke Brown, pastor  
905 Stanberry, Church: (785) 472-4045  
Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m.  
TV ministry: Sun. 4 p.m. and Thurs. 7 p.m.

**DiVine Hope Nazarene**  
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Sunday service: 10 a.m.

**St. Bernard's Catholic**  
Fr. Joshua Werth  
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Sunday Mass: 10 a.m.  
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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran LC - MS**  
Keith Emshoff, pastor  
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Sunday school: 8:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class: 8:30 a.m.  
Church service: 9:30 a.m.

**Smoky Hill Baptist**  
1007 Evans. Contact Gary Oller, (785) 252-3263.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Church service  
6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

**First United Methodist**  
Dennis Carter, pastor  
322 N. Douglas, (785) 472-3870  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Sunday service  
TV ministry: 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Sunday

**Refreshed and Redeemed Church**  
Mary Somrak, pastor  
Church: 307 Webb St., (785) 472-9300  
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**LORRAINE**  
**First Baptist Church**  
Zach Ullom, pastor  
320 W. Wichita, (785) 472-5334  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Bible Club: 6 p.m.

**HOLYROOD**  
**St. Paul United Church of Christ**  
Debby Rains, pastor  
301 E. Nassau, (785) 252-3410

**St. Peter Lutheran**  
Dan Harders, pastor  
209 S. County Rd., (785) 252-3275  
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School follows.

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
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Concord Street  
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**United Methodist**  
Dennis Carter, pastor  
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10:30 a.m. Sunday school

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**First Baptist**  
Brett Denham, pastor  
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Sunday service: 10:30 a.m. at the church and on Facebook page. Wednesday evening: 7 p.m. on Facebook Live.

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Vicar Jacqueline Thornton, interim  
2819 Ave. F  
Church: (785) 658-2252  
9 a.m. Sunday service  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

**St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church**  
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**Traffic**  
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**JUDGEMENT ON PLEA OF GUILTY** — Heber Armando Albano Flores, speeding, \$177.  
David Dee Allen, speeding, \$159.  
Kristofer Joseph Bailey, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.  
Christopher John Biernacki, speeding, \$153.  
Ricky Nobuo Cassidy, speeding, \$222.  
Christopher Wayne Clauss, speeding, \$165.  
Erwin Lynn Clowers, speeding, \$177.  
Andrew Wayne Conklin, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, \$303.  
Melody R. Dawson, speeding, \$195.  
Gregory Emick, parking, standing or stopping in a prohibited area, \$198.  
David Matthew Gaddie, speeding, \$171.  
Christopher D. Goodale, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.  
Keesha Laray Grant, speeding, \$201.  
Leslianne Harants, speeding, \$189.  
Cassidy Jo Hartup, speeding, \$159.  
Aspen Georgia Humphrey, speeding, \$318.  
Julia Anne Jueneman, speeding, \$249.  
Michael Jordan Jueneman, speeding, \$165.  
Susan Elaine Kibbe, speeding, \$258.  
Brandon Thomas Lambert, speeding, \$153.  
Daniel R. Lovett, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$358.  
Margaret Lucille Mac Donald, speeding, \$165.  
Peter Alexander Machen, speeding, \$153.  
Warren Henry Meitler, speeding, \$153.  
Jeffery Tyler Millspaugh, speeding, \$201.  
Joshua Jack Milner, speeding, \$153.  
Curtis J. Mockry, speeding, \$165.  
Elisa Aguilar Montalvo, speeding, \$231.  
Justin A. Myatt, speeding, \$153.  
Llir Nela, speeding, \$165.  
Christopher James Nordlie, speeding, \$258.  
Ray L. Odell, speeding, \$183.  
Adam Peterman, speeding, \$183.  
Juan Manuel Puentes Garcia, speeding, \$207.  
Manuel Alfredo Rascon Torres, speeding, \$183.  
David Leon Sachleben, speeding, \$165.  
Gregory Ray Schmidt, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, \$303.  
Bridgette Ann Shaffer, speeding, \$165.  
Melinda S. Sherwood, speeding, \$171.  
Mankaran Singh, speeding, \$258.  
Parker Breanne Smith, speeding, \$153.  
Robin Melissa Smith, speeding, \$153.  
Nolan Gail Sponsler, speeding, \$249.  
Jennifer Michell Tario, speeding, \$189.  
Ethan Michael Thompson, speeding, \$153.  
Crisley O. Velastegui, speeding, \$171.  
Jaclyn Farr Voight, speeding, \$153.

**DEFERRED ADJUDICATION** — Alyssa Renee Barley, speeding, \$358.  
John E. Duckworth, speeding, \$258.  
Zachary Lee Perry, speeding; connecting and safety equipment of towing vehicles, \$358.  
Courtney Nicole Wise, speeding, \$258.

**Ellsworth Police**  
**April 4-10 Response Log** — The department responded to or self-initiated a total of 80 incidents, resulting in two cases and six citations. There were no arrests or automobile accidents.

**Sheriff Office**  
**STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED** — On March 15 a 1996 Dodge 1500 pickup and a Beretta 380 pistol owned by Gina L. Renz of Ellsworth were

recovered in Section 17-15-8 in Ellsworth Township.  
**LOST PROPERTY** — Between March 15 and March 16, Austin B. Stephens of Lorraine lost a Kansas license plate at 333 Mohlman Street, Lorraine.  
**CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY** — Between March 16 and March 19, Northern Natural Gas of Bushton was the victim of criminal damage to property in the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 2-17-9 in Ellsworth County, Kan. Damaged was a 640A rectifier valued at \$500. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made.  
On April 1, James R. Janssen of Lorraine was the victim of criminal damage to property at 237 Stanley Street in Lorraine. Damaged was a door and door knob valued at \$200. There is one suspect, but no arrests have been made. A report has been forwarded to the Ellsworth County attorney.  
**CRIMINAL LITTERING (PRIVATE PROPERTY)** — Between March 18 and March 24, Virgil G. Lindstedt of Marquette was the victim of criminal littering in the southwest quarter of Section 26-17-6 in Langley Township. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made.

**FOUND PROPERTY** — On March 26, a tan canvas bag and seven over-the-counter medications were found at 200 29th Road in Ellsworth.  
**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE WAS CANCELED/SUSPENDED/REVOKED** — On March 27, deputies arrested a person for driving while their license was canceled/suspended/revoked at 300 N. Douglas Ave., Ellsworth. A report has been forwarded to the Ellsworth County attorney.  
**BURGLARY/THEFT** — Between March 25 and March 27, Dillon J. Haggerty of Claflin was the victim of burglary and theft at 105 Switchgrass in Marquette. Taken were a black Glock Model 43 9mm pistol, a Ruger Wrangler .22 revolver, a Savage .22 bolt action rifle, a Remington 870 shotgun and \$20 in miscellaneous U.S. currency. Total loss is \$1,120. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made. A report has been forwarded to the Ellsworth County attorney.

**Deeds**  
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The Audrey C. Hankins Revocable Trust grants and conveys to the Reid Revocable Trust Lot 4 in the Hillcrest Addition to the City of Ellsworth and the south half of the vacated alley lying adjacent to Lot 4.  
The Foran Family Revocable Trust grants and conveys to Michael D. Foran a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 15-14-10 in Ellsworth County, Kan.  
The George O. Wagner Trust grants and conveys to Mary O. Wagner and Mary S. Wagner, George Earl Wagner and Joyce M. Wagner, the Debra G. Ingemanson Trust No. 1 and Gayla E. Walker a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 24-15-6 in Ellsworth County, Kan.  
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10-10 blk&bwf hfr pairs  
10 hfr pairs blk&bwf Fab-Mar calves  
12 blk cows blk&bwf calves running age complete herd dispersal  
45+45 blk hrs Angus calves Wyoming origin all worked calves blk leg vira shield poured knife cut cows vacc and poured

**Bred Heifers**  
9 fancy ang hrs fall bred sure fire ang bulls pelvic exam

**Cows**  
50 bred cows May&June calves  
210 fall calves  
30+30 running age to older  
10 running age to older late spring calves  
15-15 older blk pairs  
10-10 hfr pairs red Angus  
280 blk&red ang cow montana origin 3-5yrs bred Stevenson basin Angus bulls early fall calves  
10 fall bred blk&bwf sired by sun rise&momentum sun  
25+25 3-4yr olds sired by sun rise&momentum sun  
80 blk&red cows 5-6yrs bred blk or red ang calves Aug 15 50 days just weaned calves  
50 blk fall cows  
25+25 older pairs  
35 blk cows 3-5 yrs fall bred bred to Angus bulls  
20-30 fall bred cows running age blk bred blk balancer  
36 fall bred cows bred blk  
20 older pairs and bred cows  
30+30 running age blk cow blk calves  
10+10 2nd calf pair calves worked  
10 older pairs blk-blk  
20+20 blk pairs 7yrs blk&bwf calves  
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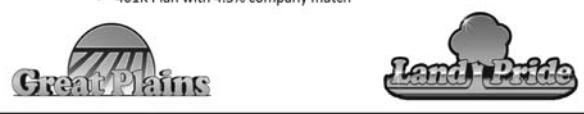


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### Thomas J. Foran Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/ Reporter, Thursday, April 22, 2021)

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

**In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Foran, Deceased**  
Case No. 2021-PR-000010

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified that on April 12, 2021, a Petition For Issuance Of Letters Of Administration Under The Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Tamera L. French, named executor in the Last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Foran, deceased.

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

Tamera L. French  
Executor

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### Daryl Mehl Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/ Reporter, Thursday, April 15, 2021)

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS (Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

**In the Matter of the Estate of Daryl Mehl, Deceased**  
Case No. 2021-PR-000009

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Jo Ann Mehl, wife of Daryl Mehl, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:  
3.3602692% interest in the North Half (N/2) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Nine (9) West, Ellsworth County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Jo Ann Mehl  
Petitioner

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## Public Notices

### USD 327 General Election

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/ Reporter, Thursday, April 22, 2021)

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 327 STATE OF KANSAS ELLSWORTH COUNTY NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Pursuant to Section 25-2018(d) Kansas Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that a General Election for Unified School District 327 will be held on the 2nd day of November 2021. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the following is a list of the positions that will appear on the General Ballot:

- POSITION 4, DISTRICT 1**
- POSITION 3, DISTRICT 3**
- POSITION 6, DISTRICT 3**

A Primary Election will be held August 3, 2021 if more than three persons file for any one position. Filing deadline is at Noon on June 1, 2021 in the County Clerk's Office, 210 N Kansas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439.

Signed this 16th day of April 2021.  
Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Election Officer

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### Benjamin Deiser Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/ Reporter, Thursday, April 8, 2021)

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

**In the Matter of the Estate of Benjamin Deiser a.k.a. Benjamin W. Deiser, Deceased**  
Case No.: 2021-PR-000008

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Benjamin W. Deiser II an heir of Benjamin Deiser a.k.a. Benjamin W. Deiser, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:  
Lots Two (2) and Three (3), Block Six (6), Seaver's Addition to the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 4, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Benjamin W. Deiser II,  
Petitioner

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