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JUNE REMINDER HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Starting Monday, June 21, the office of the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter will reopen to the public. We ask that those who have not been vaccinated continue to wear masks for the protection of our employees. Also, please let us know if you would like to pick up your paper Wednesday mornings at the office.

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by the numbers

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



Ross
Janssen's
Weather

June 16 to
June 22

WEDNESDAY 100/68
Sunny and hot

THURSDAY 102/73
Mostly sunny; breezy

FRIDAY 96/74
Mostly sunny

SATURDAY 93/71
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY 94/70
Partly cloudy

MONDAY 83/63
Mostly sunny

TUESDAY 84/61
Mostly sunny

Ellsworth FFA strikes gold at convention with state awards

BY ALAN RUSCH

Ellsworth County I-R

The Ellsworth FFA Chapter struck gold — both individually and together — at the 2021 State FFA Virtual Convention June 2-4.

According to Karl Dawn Hobbs Stover, Ellsworth FFA Chapter advisor, the Ellsworth FFA won the Bob Garlow Triple Crown Award for being the best

FFA chapter in Kansas.

The Ellsworth FFA was also state champions as the Strengthening Agriculture National Chapter, state runner up in the Growing leaders National Chapter, and state runner up in the Building Communities National Chapter.

Individually, Ellsworth FFA Chapter President Rachel Sebesta was selected as State FFA vice president. She will have a year of service dedicated

to the Kansas FFA while representing Ellsworth. Sebesta also was named state champion in the Power Systems Agriscience Fair, state champion in the Agriculture Education Supervised Agriculture Experience. She was state runner up in the Discussion Meeting Leadership Development event. She was fourth overall in State Ag Sales, and fifth in leadership on the State Leadership Information

test. Sebesta also placed in the Silver Division of Meats Judging and Entomology Judging.

Other individual Ellsworth FFA placings were:

- Nicole Haase, Tucker Huseman, Teagon Nienke were State FFA Degree winners.
- Tucker Huseman was State Champion in Beef Production Placement Supervised Agriculture Experience and

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STEVE HOOK/For the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

Motorcycles of the American Legion Riders roar down the roadway towards Ellsworth Sunday as part of the Sixth Annual Kansas American Legion Legacy Run. The final stop on this year's run, which raises funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, was Sunday afternoon at the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174.

Commissioner apologizes for remark about newspaper

BY ALAN RUSCH

Ellsworth County I-R

Monday's meeting of the Ellsworth County commissioners started with an unexpected request from a patron for an apology.

Jerry Marsh, former Ellsworth High School government teacher, began his remarks by assuming all three commissioners attended a June 9 public planning meeting at the J. H. Robbins Memorial Library in Ellsworth.

"I did," Commissioner Dennis Rolfs said. The other two commissioners were not present.

"I had planned to attend that meeting, but I didn't make it," Marsh said.

Marsh said a couple of days after the meeting, a friend told him something that con-

cerned him.

"I have reflected upon that quite a bit, and decided I needed to come here," Marsh said.

"He told me that Mr. Rolfs made what he considered a disparaging remark regarding our local newspaper, and referred to Miss Linda Mowery-Denning as a 'damn Democrat.'"

Marsh said that really bothered him.

"I had to come here and find out if that's true," he added.

"I don't recall saying 'damn' Democrat," Rolfs said. "I was just making a disparaging remark about our newspaper and I will apologize for that publicly right now. But I didn't say that about her."

"That's the main reason I came — to ask for an apology," Marsh said.

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City, county to share in state funds

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

Gov. Laura Kelly congratulated both the City of Ellsworth and Ellsworth County this past week for being selected for local transportation funding as part of the Kelly Administration's 10-year, bipartisan transportation plan.

The City of Ellsworth will receive \$83,095 for a sidewalk replacement project. Ellsworth County was awarded \$1.4 million to replace the 63-year-old Bridge 490, south of Wilson.

"Congratulations to the City of Ellsworth and to Ellsworth County for submitting successful applications in the latest round of cost share funding," Gov. Kelly said.

"By working with our local partners to invest in our communities, our cost share program is improving road safety, mobility, and helping recruit new families and businesses to our state. These projects are proof that when we work together to make smart, innovative investments in our foundation, all Kansans see results."

The cost share program is designed to help rural and urban areas advance transportation projects to improve safety, support job retention and growth, relieve congestion, and improve access and mobility.

Ellsworth and Ellsworth County were among 30 transportation construction projects selected for the spring 2021 cost share recipients.

"Several years ago, the City of Ellsworth participated in the Safe Routes to School project that repaired or created sidewalks along paths our children use every day," said Rusty Varnado, city administrator. "Unfortunately, we ran out of money before we ran out of work that needed to be accomplished. Through KDOT's cost share program, we received enough funding to finish what we started. Our city and our

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Central Plains ponders future needs

BY ALAN RUSCH

Ellsworth County I-R

CLAFLIN — Members of the Central Plains USD 112 board of education were presented with several options for the future configuration of the district Monday during their monthly meeting at Central Plains Junior-Senior High School in Claflin.

"I think we gave you a range of options to think about," said Dr. Brian Jordan of the Kansas

Association of School Boards, who facilitated meetings in the past months of a 22-member committee of district patrons. The group was asked to define the best long-term (20-25 years) configuration of USD 112, providing for student quality educational experiences.

Jordan said the group narrowed their discussion to six possibilities:

- One Junior/Senior High School/Two Elementary Schools.

- Two K-12 facilities.
- Maintain the current configuration.
- Land transfer.
- Move the central office.
- Move sixth grade.

The first option, one junior/senior high school and two elementary schools, could include either Claflin or Wilson. The main concern of the group was the flow of the families in their daily routines within the communities. Jordan said this creates challenges when starting to

think about transporting students from one end of the district to another for junior-senior high school. In addition, the school in Claflin appears to be the costliest to operate from a utilities-per-pupil standpoint and more students would possibly drive up the cost of operations.

The second option, two K-12 facilities, would have cost savings in the long term due to

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Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 17
CITY BUSINESS: The Lorraine City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
FORE! The VFW Co-ed Golf Tournament is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth Golf Course.

MONDAY, JUNE 21
START YOUR DAY RIGHT: The Ellsworth American Legion serves breakfast from 6-10 a.m. at 645 E. 15th St., Ellsworth. There will be no buffet; members will serve you.
COUNTY BUSINESS: Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161. A public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. to consider revisions to the Floodplain Regulations in Resolution 2021R02. Questions: (785) 472-4161.
CITY BUSINESS: The Wilson City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.
SCHOOL BUSINESS: The Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 board of education meets at 7 p.m. The public can only attend by Zoom. Go to www.usd327.org for the link.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
HOSPITAL BUSINESS: Ellsworth County Medical Center board of directors meet at 5:30 p.m. in the administration building conference room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24
CITY BUSINESS: The Wilson City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.
ELLSWORTH AMERICAN LEGION MEETING: Members of the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174 meet at 7 p.m. at the post home in Ellsworth.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
CHAMBER BUSINESS: Wilson Communications presents the program on cybersecurity at the noon luncheon of the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce in the 900 Room at the Ellsworth Golf Course. Reservations: (785) 472-4071.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
SOLEMN DISPOSAL: The Ellsworth American Legion and the Ellsworth VFW conduct a flag disposal ceremony at 1 p.m. at the Boy Scout Cabin in Ellsworth.

MONDAY, JUNE 28
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 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 3
SCOUT RUN: The Ellsworth Boy Scout Troop 84 hosts the Scout Spirit Run/Walk. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with run beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Splash Pad parking lot in Preisker Park. Pre-registered entry fee of \$20 due by June 18 and \$25 after or on day of the race. No refunds. Each pre-registered participant will receive a t-shirt. Information: Scoutmaster Jon Halbgewachs, troop84ew@gmail.com
CHILDREN'S THEATER: A performance of Moana Jr. is planned for 1-2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Ellsworth Junior-Senior High School.
ELLSWORTH FIREWORKS: Ellsworth Splash and Blast free activities begin at 5 p.m. at the Rec Center complex with food vendors, kids activities and a two-hour concert by Jake Gill. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.

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Obituaries

Mary F. Folk
(1935-2021)

Mary F. Folk, 86, passed away Sunday, June 13, 2021, in Lyons. She was born March 22, 1935 in Healdton, Okla. to Hosey D. and Eddie Lee (Underwood) Perkins.

Mary was a longtime resident of Bushton where she was a teller at the Bushton State Bank. She married Melvin Folk in Wellington, Kan. Dec. 29, 1951.

Mary is survived by her sons, Bob Folk of Great Bend and Jerry Folk (Vicki) of Bushton; grandchildren, Adam Folk, Abby Terrell (Fletcher), Andi Hicks, Jessica Folk (Chris Riedel), Sloan Folk, Ben Folk, Ciji Folk (JD Linville), Ryan Hickel (Amanda Roach), and Tarilynn Hickel; great-grandchildren, Cruz, Fletcher, Aliviyah, Zaida, and Zaxton; and sister-in-law, Elda Perkins of Geneseo.

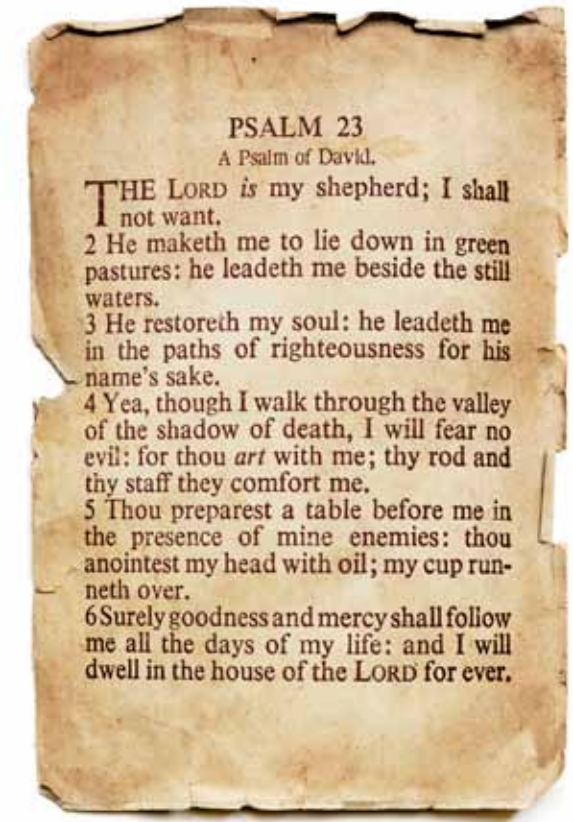
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin Folk; son, Brad Folk; daughter, Marsha Folk; and siblings, Travis James Perkins, Bobby Lee Perkins, Charlie Perkins, Betty Ruth Lahar, Clifford Perkins, Patsy Ann Thompson, Linda Sue White, and Johnny Mac Perkins.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, with family present from 6-8 p.m. at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at Bushton First United Methodist Church with burial following in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bushton Community Development Inc. (BCDI) Building or the City of Bushton School Fund, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com.



Apology

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“But I don’t think I said that. I said maybe Democrat, but I don’t recall saying it,” Rolfs said.

“That addresses my concern,” Marsh said.

Marsh said Ellsworth County is “extremely fortunate,” to have a local newspaper.

“You mentioned small towns dying,” Marsh said. “One of the reasons small towns are dying is their local newspapers are dying with them — maybe it’s not the reason, but they go together.”

Marsh said if we want to have a vibrant community, which he thinks the residents of Ellsworth want, one of the things it needs is a newspaper — such as the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter.

“And I would like to say, based on what I know, Miss Linda Mowery-Denning does an excellent job for this community, and you guys, with her reporting. That’s all I came to say.”

In other business:

- Before going into two executive sessions lasting a total of 15 minutes with several employees of the Ellsworth County EMS to discuss non-elected personnel, Alex Winters, EMS employee said he believes Stacey Jordan was wrongly terminated as assistant EMS director.

At the June 10 commission meeting, after a 15-minute executive session with EMS director Jeremiah Brown to discuss non-elected personnel, commissioners, by consensus, approved changing the assistant EMS director from Stacey Jordan to Tim Korbe.

“As you can see I have about nine other folks behind me that will say the same thing, and we also have letters of support from ER (emergency room) staff and other people from the community that have dealt with Stacey, have worked with Stacey,” Winters said.

“My concern is for the community,” said Nancy Karst, emergency room nurse. “When we found out we were getting a paramedic in the community, we were ecstatic.”

Karst said when Jordan became a paramedic, that allowed the hospital to use a county ambulance to transport a lot of the critically ill patients instead of utilizing outside agencies.

“Another concern is that if, in fact, a large majority of the EMS staff quit, that’s going to make it even more stressful at the hospital, and I also work for EMS too,” Karst said. “I got my EMT license for the main reason to be able to go in the middle of the night to transport patients. That could be a challenge sometimes, because you always have to have one crew, and oftentimes there’s not back-up.”

Karst said if a large portion of the EMS personnel quit, that will put a huge burden on the hospital.

“We’re going to have to call an outside agency for almost every patient we transfer,” she said.

“Because if we have a small staff up there, they’re not going to be able to find backup to take transfers. That’s a big delay in patient care.”

“I personally don’t like the idea of being coerced into doing something that, quite frankly, I’m not experienced with,” Rolfs said. “I’m not going to personally fire anybody or hire anybody as far as that’s concerned. We only have one person that we deal with — the EMS director. And I don’t like being coerced into some of you guys telling us who we should hire. We will, Stacey, have an EMS director. But we don’t need to be coerced into this.”

Brown’s last day as EMS director is Friday, June 18. Korbe will serve as interim director until a permanent director is chosen by the commissioners.

Earlier in the meeting, Brown asked the commissioners to sign a letter to the State Board of EMS highlighting the administrative changes that are taking place in the Ellsworth EMS.

“I can’t make a decision without being rebutted,” he said, referring to his employees. “We had to make some changes. I appreciate working with you guys.”

Brown knew the group of EMS employees were coming to meet with commissioners. No action was taken after that executive session with Winters and the EMS employees.

However, Commissioner Greg Bender urged the EMS employees to give the commissioners a little patience.

“He (Brown) is the director for another week, then we’ll see what we can do,” Bender said.

“What we need to do is hire an EMS guy immediately,” Rolfs said. “But we’re just not ready to do that.”

- No action was taken after a 15 minute executive session with county attorney Paul J. Kasper to discuss matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege (legal matters).
- Ginny Boots and Ron Etchison, representing the Ellsworth County Council on Aging, requested \$33,000 for their 2022 budget. That is up \$4,000 from the \$29,000 they requested for 2021.
- Joyce Kraus and David Trowbridge, representing the Wilson Heritage Museum, requested a 2022 budget of \$3,000. It was noted that for 2021, they requested \$6,000, but received only \$1,000.

I doubt if we will give you \$3,000 but we’ll try to do better than \$1,000,” Rolfs said.

The next meeting of the Ellsworth County commissioners will be at 9 a.m. Monday, June 21, at the county courthouse.



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Noon - midnight on Saturday, July 3rd and Noon - midnight on Sunday, July 4th (unless there is a County burn ban).

Be safe and clean up your mess!

Reminder – Anyone selling fireworks in the Wilson city limits must obtain a permit from City Hall!

Wilson Mayor and Council

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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories

Bedtime Stories Became Classic Literature

Rudyard Kipling made up bedtime stories for his children. He wrote them down in 1902 and called them **Just So Stories**. Using a lot of imagination, these tales were fun ways to explain things like how the elephant got his trunk, the leopard his spots and the camel his hump.

Paste the missing word balloons where they belong in the story.

You can live on your humph!

Grrrrrr!

Camel! You have given extra work to the other animals.

Come plow!

But how can I with this humph on my back?

Come fetch and carry things!

Come out and trot!

HEY! W-w-what's happening to my back???

How the Camel Got Its Hump

When the world was new and the animals were just beginning to work for Man, Camel lived out in the middle of the desert because he didn't want to work. Whenever anybody spoke to him, Camel just said...

HUMPH!

Other animals asked Camel to help with their work ...

HUMPH!

HUMPH!

After three days, the Man spoke to Horse, Dog and Ox.

HUMPH!

That Humph-thing in the desert won't work, so you must work double-time to make up for it!

This made the three animals very angry, so they asked a Djinn (also called a genie) to help make Camel do some work, too.

HUMPH!

The Djinn warned Camel to stop saying "HUMPH." But Camel said it again and again. So the Djinn cast a spell on Camel.

You have missed three days of work. Now you'll work without stopping or eating for three days!

And since then, Camel always wears a lolloping humph (we call it a humph now to not hurt his feelings). But he never caught up with the three days of work he missed at the beginning of the world. And he has never learned how to behave!

P-TOOEY!

Extra! Extra! Persons, Places and Things

Look through the newspaper and find five of each of the kinds of nouns:
○ Persons
○ Places
○ Things
Cut them out and glue them to a piece of paper by category.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand meaning from context clues.

Why are they called Just So Stories? Put these sentences in order to discover the answer.

telling the first three chapters as words, exactly in the words she

was used to — or she would complain. bedtime stories to his daughter, Josephine. These had

Rudyard Kipling began working on the book by to be told "just so" — in other

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Rudyard Kipling wrote 12 Just So Stories. Do the math to complete the titles.

How the _____ Got His Throat	The Beginning of the _____
9 + 9 + 9 + 2	9 + 9
How the _____ Got His Hump	How the First _____ was Written
8 + 7	9 + 9 + 3
How the _____ Got His Skin	How the _____ was Made
8 + 8 + 8	3 + 3 + 3 + 5
How the _____ Got His Spots	The _____ That Played with the Sea
12 - 4	22 - 5
The Elephant's _____	The _____ That Walked by Himself
6 + 3 + 3	32 - 9
The Sing-Song of Old Man _____	The _____ That Stamped
4 + 9	16 - 5

18 = ARMADILLOS	24 = RHINOCEROS	14 = ALPHABET
15 = CAMEL	12 = CHILD	29 = WHALE
17 = CRAB	23 = CAT	8 = LEOPARD
11 = BUTTERFLY	21 = LETTER	13 = KANGAROO

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Flow simple written directions.

Double Word Search

LOLLOPING
ALPHABET
CHAPTERS
BEDTIME
LEOPARD
KIPLING
DESERT
BEHAVE
PLOW
CAMEL
DJINN
HORSE
TROT
DOG

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

I	T	P	L	O	W	G	H	I	G
C	B	D	R	G	D	J	I	N	N
H	E	E	T	O	R	T	I	H	I
A	H	S	D	D	U	L	S	O	P
P	A	E	J	T	P	D	C	R	O
T	V	R	U	I	I	S	A	S	L
E	E	T	K	T	S	M	M	E	L
R	O	D	R	A	P	O	E	L	O
S	T	E	B	A	H	P	L	A	L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together:

How to Draw a Camel



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: LOLLOPING
The verb **lolloping** means to move in an awkward way.

The clumsy puppy came **lolloping** towards Billy.

Try to use the word **lolloping** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Just for Phun!

When a P and an H are together in a word, they are pronounced with the F-sound (alphabet, dolphin, nephew and phone). Can you find 5 or more words in today's newspaper that are spelled with PH? The PH can be in the beginning, middle, or end of the word.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify words with PH.



How do camels blend in so well with their surroundings?

ANSWER: Camel-flage!

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Officials have an obligation
to support local businesses

About a week ago, a dozen residents attended a meeting in the J.H. Robbins basement community room to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Ellsworth County as it moves into the future. When a participant mentioned the county newspaper as a strength, another resident took the opportunity to express an opposite view. It was an unfortunate move for several reasons. The resident tearing down a local business was Ellsworth County commissioner Dennis Rolfs and the Independent-Reporter wasn't the only business on his list of concerns. He also thinks Ellsworth County needs a hotel.

We suspect his comments were directed at Ellsworth, but the county is much larger than one town. We have America's Best Value Inn at the intersection of Kansas Highways 140 and 156; however, farther west is the elegant and historic Midland Railroad Hotel & Restaurant and Simple Haven B&B. The county also has an AirHub we've heard good things about.

A few words about our hotel here in Ellsworth. Given our occasional long hours, we are no stranger to the Best Value Inn. We often spend the night there when we have a late night or early morning meeting.

We have no complaints. The service is good, everyone is nice and the owners have invested in the hotel to improve its appearance and make it more comfortable for guests. The lobby had been updated the most recent time we stayed there a few weeks ago.

In the case of the newspaper, Mr. Rolfs apologized for his remarks after retired teacher Jerry Marsh attended Monday's commission meeting and asked him about his comments. To his credit, Mr. Rolfs almost immediately offered a public apology. We appreciate his response; however, we would encourage him to include the county's hotels in his mea culpa.

To paraphrase an old saying, "making a success of a business in rural Kansas isn't for the faint hearted." Every bit of support helps, especially when it comes from a county commissioner.

Editor's Notebook

Newspaper editors and reporters feel uncomfortable — and that's putting it mildly — when they become part of the story instead of the observer.

That's what happened several days ago following a strategic planning session staged a week ago by the North Central Regional Planning Commission to determine Ellsworth County's strengths and weaknesses. With more input from residents, a plan will eventually emerge, offering the county and north-central Kansas a potential roadmap for future growth.

The I-R entered the process when a resident's suggestion the newspaper is a strength was met with a negative comment from another participant.

As editor/publisher of the I-R, I'd like to take a moment to share a few of the points recent studies have made after studying communities without newspapers. I hope you enjoy the information because more will be headed our readers' way in the coming weeks:



MYTH:
IF NEWSPAPERS CLOSE, YOU WILL STILL BE
ABLE TO GET NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

REALITY:
NEWSPAPERS MAKE A LARGER INVESTMENT IN
JOURNALISM THAN ANY OTHER
MEDIUM. MOST OF THE INFORMATION YOU READ
FROM "AGGREGATORS" AND OTHER MEDIA
ORIGINATED WITH NEWSPAPERS. NO AMOUNT OF
EFFORT FROM LOCAL BLOGGERS, NON-PROFIT NEWS
ENTITIES OR TV NEWS SOURCES COULD MATCH
THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF
NEWSPAPER-PRODUCED CONTENT.

John F. Sturm, NAA President and CEO



Enjoying The Outdoors In Ellsworth



It's our community

BY SUSAN QUINN
Special to the I-R

So, do you ever stop and think deeply about what you're doing? What you might not be doing? Where you're going?

My kids are now leaving our home after being a daily part of our lives for the past 20ish years. I've had 20 years to get to know them, enjoy them, teach them and learn from them. Like any mother, I've tried to do the best I can. But I'm realizing lately that I've come up shorter than I wanted with them.

Our eldest son is 21 now and has started thinking about what he wants from his community and where he'd like to live when he finishes college in Lawrence. He tells me he wants to leave Kansas and definitely Topeka. That's probably not out of the ordinary for young adults, but beyond the yearn to



Quinn

explore new places, he's pretty sure we don't have much to offer people in the

way of community here. He has studied city planning, transportation, housing and zoning regulations. What he sees here doesn't square with his idea of a thriving community.

It breaks my heart, but I am realizing now that it was my job — and everyone's job, really — to express to our kids how wonderful our community is and how much we want them to be a part of it.

We need to have smarter conversations with our friends and neighbors. Our children are listening. It makes me uncomfortable when I hear my neighbors say that people who've lost

their jobs are getting so much money from unemployment that they are choosing not to work right now. Really? I doubt it. But do I call them on it and have that uncomfortable "crucial conversation"?

If I were presented with the option of a full-time job with benefits and a semi-confident feeling that it would last for at least several months, I'd take that in a heartbeat — especially over a few weeks of money that can't begin to make ends meet.

My neighbor is correct about some isolated cases, but that is likely more the exception than the rule. The community I know isn't like that. Most people work hard and wake up every day believing they are doing good and are eager to contribute.

I love my community. I love Kansas. We have a lot of work to do, that is

sure. But we do have bright spots.

I love that the kids in the Seaman school district cared enough to raise the issue of Fred Seaman's involvement in the KKK. I don't know where that might go, but I'm glad we're having that conversation as a community.

I love the work done by nonprofits in our communities. I love that someone will cut and dye my hair for me so I can feel confident. I love that I can walk into a grocery store or the farmer's market and have a pleasant conversation with someone while picking out incredible food for my family. I love that our police are caring for homeless people in our community. I love that my vet takes time to hear me as we try to help my elderly dog get along a little better. I love our

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Queen of the Comanches

On the evening of the 17th day of June, 1848, Tandy Giddings, an old plainsman, rode forward and doffing his cap, said: "Lieutenant, you should double your guards tonight."

"Why so?" asked Lt. William B. Royall. "We haven't seen a buffalo for two days, and that is a sign there are Indians around."

James H. Birch recalled the exchange in a 1907 interview for the Kinsley Graphic.

Lt. Royall was in command of new recruits for the Separate Battalion of Missouri Volunteers. The original battalion raised under Lt. Colonel William Gilpin a year earlier in 1847 was touted as veteran Indian fighters even though most of the men had never seen an Indian before.

Birch had joined 76 boys mostly from the backwoods of Missouri "on the campus at Fort Leavenworth" on May 19, 1848. He had joined the Missouri Volunteers



'Cowboy'
Jim Gray
The Way West

to fight Indians and if Tandy Giddings was right, he was about to have his chance at glory.

One year earlier Lt. John Love with 80 U. S. First Dragoons was attacked at Coon Creek while escorting government wagons. One hundred sixty oxen were stampeded and lost. Five of Love's men were killed while trying to recover the cattle. The fight was known as Love's Defeat and was a point of conversation as Royall's men approached Coon Creek, near present-day Garfield, Kan.

Crossing Coon Creek the troops spread their tents north of the banks of the Arkansas River. They were escorting 60-some government supply wagons, 425 beef cattle, and the paymaster Maj. Thomas S. Bryant. Bryant was to pay troops

at Fort Mann (near present-day Dodge City). Gilpin had just returned to Fort Mann from an extended campaign against the Apaches and Comanches in New Mexico.

Some of Gilpin's artillerymen, with two six-pounders, had met and joined Royall's escort a few days before. On their way east they had been attacked by Comanches on June 7. When they fired one of the 60-pound field pieces the horses and mules stampeded. The Comanches, using a white horse as a decoy, successfully rode away with 22 mules and horses.

Royall's men had yet to see Comanches on their march west. As the sun rose the morning of June 18, 1848, Birch heard the wolves howling on the south side of the river. The howls were answered by a similar sound from up the river and repeated from the north and further repeated from down the river. "Attention being called to

the wolves, old Tandy Giddings, (an experienced plainsman with the troops) ... said: 'Lookout, boys I have heard them wolves many a time. It is Indians howling.'

Of course, Birch and his inexperienced companions didn't take Giddings seriously.

Suddenly a thundering herd of buffalo appeared on the horizon. Hungering for fresh meat, the men grabbed their weapons with visions of a grand buffalo hunt running through their heads.

"Hold on, boys," Giddings warned, "The Indians are behind the buffalo."

Within seconds the buffalo passed by the camp with mounted warriors charging right at the untested recruits. As the soldiers brought their breech-loading carbines into play more warriors appeared from up the river and from the uplands to the north.

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Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Triathlon strikes high note

Above, Team Finke pauses for a picture Friday during the start of the annual Ellsworth County Cancer Fund Triathlon. This year's theme was "Hope Soars." About a dozen teams took part in the event, which was canceled last year due to COVID-19. The event was conducted around the track at Ellsworth Junior-Senior High School's Shanelc Football Field. Middle picture, Pat Perez of Kanopolis, who is battling cancer, was the keynote speaker for the Triathlon. He praised the efforts of the Ellsworth County Cancer Fund, noting they do a lot that is unseen. Below, cancer survivors take a lap around the track. According to the Ellsworth County Cancer Fund's Debbie Mog, over \$55,340 was raised this year to help Ellsworth County cancer patients.



Kansas

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libraries and our parks.

I am grateful to all those who helped me raise my boys: from Master Overbey who not only taught them martial arts but the value of respect and courtesy to Dr. Averett, who taught them the value of hard work, perseverance and self-expression through beautiful music, to all the teachers who helped shape their love of books and places and numbers.

I love that I can learn all about little nooks of good throughout our state from our local news reporters. From our local PBS station to Kansas Public Radio to the Kansas Reflector and all the hometown papers — what wonderful stories. We're so blessed to be able to hear about one another especially during this recent time of forced isolation.

So while I know that we may not have all the green spaces, public transport

and cohousing my son would like to see, we do have a great launching pad for improving what we've built.

And you know, Kansas, we're all in this together. It's our community to care for and nurture and hold dear. Let's lock hands and eyes and really hear one another. Let's go beyond a nod and polite conversation and talk about what really matters to us and why it matters. Move outside our bubbles and take time to talk with someone who doesn't have our same circumstances and find out what matters to them and why.

Our kids are watching. Let's welcome them home.

Susan Quinn works as an engineer in northeast Kansas. She is a native Kansan, born and raised in the Emporia community. She enjoys art, theater, gardening, reading, you name it. She loves her community and enjoys volunteering most of all. This was distributed by the Kansas Reflector.

Gray

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Approximately 800 warriors seemed to cover the whole plain about them. The carbines had been issued upon their induction at Fort Leavenworth. They were German-made carbines that could be loaded and fired five times a minute. Birch called them, "fearful weapons."

The Indians were used to facing single-shot muzzle loading rifles. Their mode of warfare was to draw the fire of the soldiers under the protection of their shields and before their prey could reload the muzzle-loaders, the warriors would rush in on their war ponies and lance their victims to death. However, the soldiers and civilians "gave them a hot reception." Great was the attackers' surprise when after drawing the first fire Royall's troops continued to fire with their repeating German carbines.

The warriors fled the field of battle but soon returned in an all-out assault. According to Lt. Royall, a female, "who seemed to be their queen," rode about the field of battle directing the care and removal of the dead and wounded. She wore a scarlet dress adorned with silver

ornaments producing an unprecedented specter that unsettled the entire command.

Birch recalled, "The boys commenced shooting at 400 yards, then at 300, then at 200, and then at 100, and ready to shoot at closer range. Our shots seemed to have but little effect, for they were protected by their shields, and we could hear our balls strike their shields and sound like striking a board fence."

When the warriors were within 40 yards someone shouted: "Shoot their horses." When horses and riders began to fall the attack was broken. The Comanches withdrew and the fight was over.

Just who the Scarlet Queen of the Comanches was, no one knows. She was never seen again and remains one of the most mysterious stories ever to be told on The Way West.

The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of the book Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier, Ellsworth, KS. Contact Kansas Cowboy, 220 21st Road, Geneseo, Kan. Phone: (785) 531-2058 or kansascowboy@kans.com.

Grants

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children are now better off because of this program."

Dale Houston, road supervisor in Ellsworth County, said the bridge replacement project in Ellsworth County is important to the community and officials were pleased to be selected.

The City of Ellsworth will provide a 32 percent match for its sidewalk project. Ellsworth County will contribute a 50 percent match.

Demand is high for cost share transportation dollars. Michelle Needham, Economic development programs manager for KDOT, said 117 communities requested more than \$103 million in funding for this, the fourth round of the cost share program.

"KDOT was impressed with how

this round of cost share projects hit markers for economic development, safety and community support," Needham said. "Recognizing the need to support economic recovery, KDOT and our cost share partners are working - to expedite delivery on selected projects."

KDOT is investing \$21 million in this program cycle with recipients contributing a combined total 50/50 match of \$21 million, a total of \$42 million in funding through state and local partnerships. The agency took advantage of 2020 federal coronavirus relief funds by doubling the available Cost Share funding for this round. Selection criteria was adjusted to consider hardships caused by the pandemic and points were added to communities that endured above-average economic loss.



EARLY DEADLINES

Because of the July 4th holiday, deadline for the July 8 issue is:

News: Thursday, July 1 - Noon

Ads: Thursday, July 1 - Noon

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I-R Farm & City

ECMC names new CEO

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

Kenny Beneda, Chairman of the Ellsworth County Medical Center Board of Trustees, is pleased announced June 9 is pleased to announce the selection of James (Jim) Kirkbride as the new chief executive officer.

An experienced leader in the healthcare industry, Kirkbride will succeed Andrew Bair and assume responsibilities on July 19.

Just short of three years as CEO, Bair will be moving out of state for another opportunity. The next board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 23, at which time an interim CEO will be appointed. This individual will be a member of the executive team and will serve as interim CEO between June 24 and July 18.

Jim was selected for an on-site visit after completing a phone screening with Human Resources and a virtual interview with the CEO Search Committee. The Search Committee consisted of two board members, two members of medical staff, and the executive team. While in town the last week of May, Jim and his wife, Shannon, traveled to Ellsworth where Jim



Kirkbride

participated in interviews and they had an opportunity to tour the community. The executive team, leadership team, and medical staff interviewed Jim while he was

here.

Jim, currently of Sierra Vista, Ariz., grew up in Chapman, just east of Abilene.

He and his wife have three adult sons. In his spare time, he enjoys old cars, home projects and most things outdoors.

Jim has had a long career in healthcare management, including leadership at the department, executive, and CEO level. Most recently, he served in a leadership role at Canyon Vista Medical Center in Sierra Vista, Ariz., as well as, was the acting planning and logistics' chief for Incident Command during the pandemic.

Prior to moving to Arizona, Jim was the CEO at Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado. He has a clinical background as a radiologic technologist and has had varied leadership roles leading

ancillary and support services.

With over 30 years of experience, Jim is confident in his ability as he accepts the responsibility of CEO at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He looks forward to using his accomplishments to further our legacy of "Improving Lives." He is a servant leader at heart and values the contributions of every employee. He believes it takes everyone at all levels to accomplish our mission, vision, and values. He states, "There is a lot of talent at ECMC and I humbly accept this opportunity with pride and excitement to become a member of the ECMC team," he said.

Kirkbride wishes to thank the hospital board, members of the selection committee and employees of ECMC who dedicated their time during the CEO search process.

"Your gracious welcome of Shannon and I was an example of the hospitality each patient must feel when they receive care at ECMC," he said.

ECMC will host a community welcome reception/open house in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride shortly after their arrival to Ellsworth.

IN BRIEF

ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY

Grain prices down for the week

Prices paid for grain at the Ellsworth Co-op at the end of the business day, Monday, June 14, were:

Wheat, bu. — \$5.98, down 2 cents from June 7.
Milo, bu. — \$6.49, down 20 cents.
Soybeans, bu. — \$14.22, down 88 cents.
Corn, bu. — \$6.79, down 20 cents.

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

Note to Readers: Do you have employee news you'd like to share with our readers? Send it to Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter at www.indyrepnews.com. Or mail to 304 N. Douglas Ave., Ellsworth 67439.

CRP signup deadline is July 23

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has set a July 23 deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for the Conservation Reserve Program General signup 56.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency will accept applications for CRP Grasslands from July 12 to Aug. 20. This year, USDA updated both signup

options to provide greater incentives for producers and increase its conservation benefits, including reducing the impacts of climate change.

Both signups are competitive and will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

Bottom line, CRP now makes more financial sense for producers while also providing a bigger return on investment in terms of

natural resource benefits. The general and grasslands signups are part of a broader suite of tools available through CRP to integrate key conservation practices on our nation's working lands.

Through CRP, producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

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Cooking Up 150 Years of News

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.

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

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Anniversary



Garry and Morea Charvat on their wedding day, above, and today, right.



Charvats celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Garry and Morea Zouzas Charvat of Kanopolis Lake recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 22.

The couple were married May 22, 1971 in the Ellsworth Methodist Church by Father James Hoover and Father John Simpson.

The Charvat's have three boys, Dr. Trevor Charvat and wife Nancy of San Diego, Pastor Tyler Charvat and wife Elina of Leipzig, Germany and Cord Charvat and wife Amanda of Broken Arrow, Okla. They have four grandchildren and one on the way.

Due to COVID-19, a family vacation is postponed until a later date.

Birthday

David Bontrager celebrating 95th birthday

David Bontrager, Ellsworth, will celebrate his 95th birthday July 3.

David married Rosalee M. (Sumwalt) Bontrager. The couple have three children, Gayle and Steve Seibel of Wishek, N.D., the late Beth Koechlein and her husband Kevin who lives in Washington State, and Brian and Jan Bontrager of Kanopolis. The have six grandchildren, Dedra Curtman, Wendy Van Duyne, Roxi Connally, Rex Bontrager, Alyssa Koechlein and Nelson Cook and nine great-grandchildren.

David was one of 12 children born to DY and Susan (Nisly) Bontrager of Yoder, Kan. He was born in New Mexico when the family moved there for a short time before moving back to Yoder.

David served in WWII in the 82nd Airborne. He then spent many years working as a farm/ranch hand in the Johnson/Scott City area, then worked for



Mr. Bontrager

Collingwood Grain in Hutchinson and later worked for Dorskocil's meat packing in South Hutchinson, Kan. David and Rosalee moved to Ellsworth in 2013.

David is a member of the Ellsworth First United Methodist Church, the American Legion and enjoys coffee hour at Ampride with his many new friends.

A family get together is planned for July 3.

The family is requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to: 803 Hope Circle, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

J.H. Robbins Memorial Library

News from cover to cover

June is here! Halfway through the year — is that crazy or what?

But June means a buzz of activities. Kids have Vacation Bible School and then we start our activities here at the library!

We have tutoring for math (these spots are full) and for reading, we have two spots left at the time I am writing this. Then we also have story hour for ages 3 through kindergarten, fun games and activities for kids' 1st through 3rd and 4th through 6th grade.

Book club for kids' 3rd — 6th grades is reading a book called "The Tuttle Twins and the Golden Rule" by Connor Boyack. I read it! It's about twins that go to summer camp and have typical kid problems with the way they treat each other but, in the end, they learn a good lesson about the golden rule. Sara has some activities planned that will be scattered throughout the book and as any good summer camp should end, the book club will get special smores on their last time together. Wish I was in 3rd grade again!

And I can't forget MOVIES on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. We have a list of what we are showing in the library. Stop by or call to find out what is playing! Anyone is welcome. Kids can bring a blanket and/or pillow to lay on the floor. We will provide the popcorn!

If you are interested in any of



Colleen Sippel

Cover to Cover

the programs and want more information you can go to ellsworthlib.org and also sign up or you are welcome to call us at (785) 472-3969 — we are always happy to help you however we can.

We also have a lot of new kids' books and quite a few were requested by kids. Always love when they give me ideas of what they would like to see in the library. I tell them it is their library too, they should have a say! Plus, that way I don't have to guess.

Now don't think just because you aren't a kid there is nothing for you. We are crocheting the 1st Monday of the month. So, our next get together will be Monday, July ... hmmm ... the first Monday is the 5th and we are closed that day ... lets do the 2nd Monday, July 12, at 6 p.m. You don't need to call ahead, just show up. If you know how to crochet, great — bring your project, if not come and we will show you how. If you knit or embroidery, bring that instead! We welcome you all!

If this isn't for you, how about a little walking? There is a group that are Nordic walking

at the [high school] track starting at 8 a.m. Monday-Friday. It's a great way to work your whole body not just your legs and it is great for your posture, increases your strength and mobility and so much more. We are having a "Quick Start Class" at 8 a.m. Monday, June 21, if you are interested in learning more and just what all the benefits are. We have a limit of six people due to the number of poles that we have. We do have poles that can be checked out for a week at a time. Great way to give it a try. If we have enough interest, we will be having more classes.

We do have a few other things in the works but not ready to share them just yet. So, keep watching and come in to see us. We love to see your smiling faces, and remember we always welcome ideas from any of you.

We now have games ready for checkout, so if you need an activity for the family for the weekend, come see us. We have croquet, spike battle, frisbee golf, rollers and cornhole. Fun for the whole family! So, if you are not playing a game outside this weekend, we hope you'll come get a good book to read.

Happy Reading!

Colleen Sippel is the director of the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library. She can be reached at (785) 472-3969 or 219 N. Lincoln, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

FLAG RETIREMENT



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County I-R

A member of the Wilson Boy Scout Troop 82 hands a unservicable flag to Wilson Sons of the American Legion Squadron 262 member Steven Haun, during a flag disposal ceremony Saturday at Wilson's American Legion Park.

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

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June 21-25

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MONDAY — Sloppy Joe casserole, marinated cucumbers/tomatoes, salad, apple crisp and beverage.

TUESDAY — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, fruit, roll and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce, peas, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup, garlic bread and beverage.

THURSDAY — Pulled pork/bun, sweet potato fries, green beans, applesauce and beverage.

FRIDAY — Meatloaf, baked potato, parmesan tomato, applesauce, bread, poke cake 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. Call the Wilson Senior Center at (785) 658-2388, or Holyrood at (785) 252-3640. Beverage includes milk.

MONDAY — Chicken salad/croissant, pea salad, fresh fruit and beverage.

TUESDAY — Polish sausage/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, brownie and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Lasagna, salad, corn, garlic bread, gelatin/fruit and beverage.

THURSDAY — Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrot-raisin salad, cookie, applesauce and beverage.

FRIDAY — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, roll, cake/fruit and beverage.

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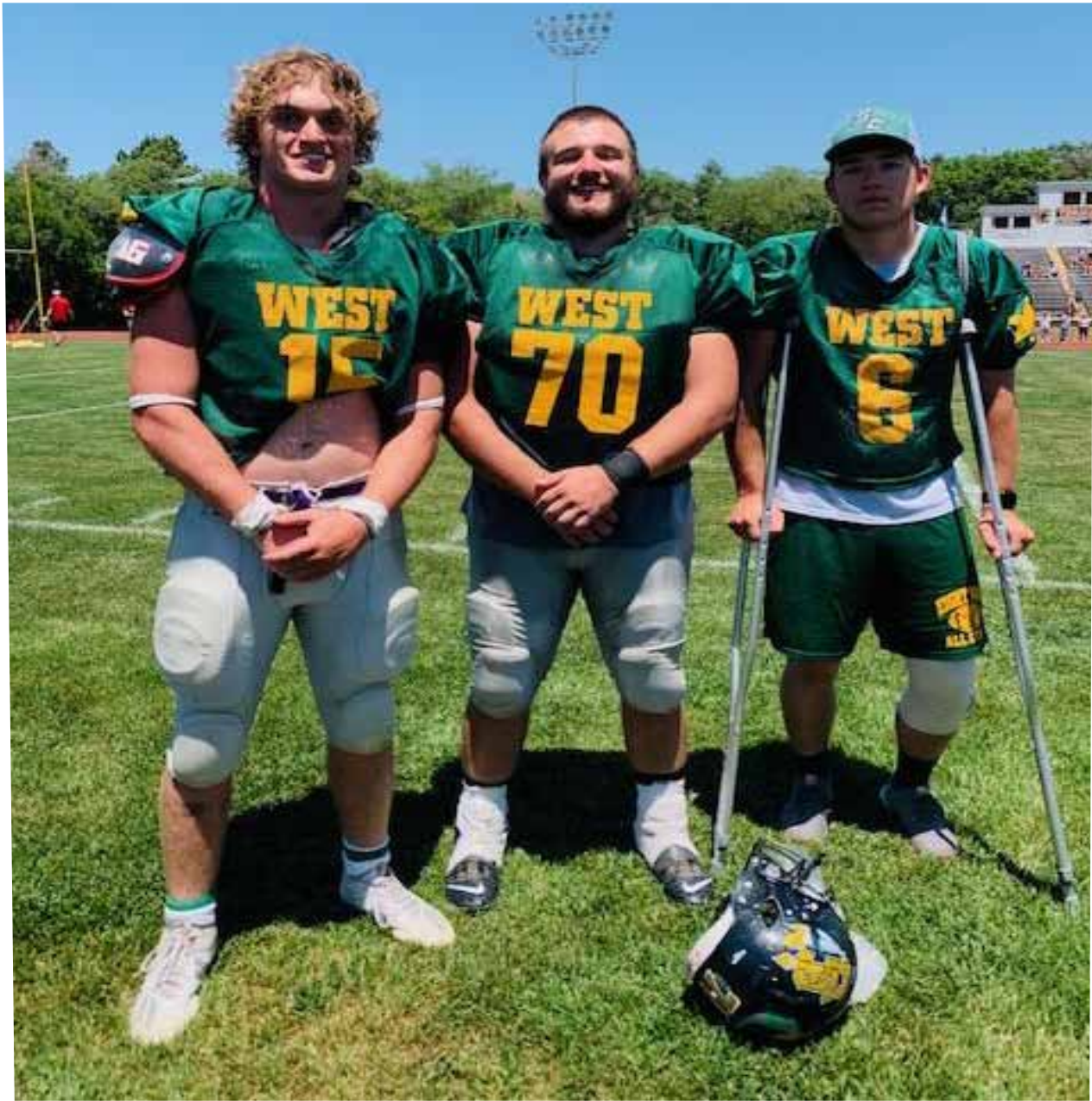
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RECORD BREAKER



Courtesy Photo
Reagan Hansen, a 7th grader at Ellsworth Junior/Senior High School, broke the girls' 7th grade record shot putt record May 11 at the league track meet in Ellsworth. The record had been held by Diane Zouzas at 31' 04" set in 1970. Reagan threw 31'08" to break the 51 year old record.

SUMMER FOOTBALL



Courtesy Photo Tonya Weinhold
These guys suited up once again for Saturday's Kansas 8-Man All-Star football game at Beloit. From left, Cooper Weinhold, Wilson; and Tyler Holmes and William Laymon, both of Central Plains. Their West Team won the Division II game 36-28. Below, a team celebration.



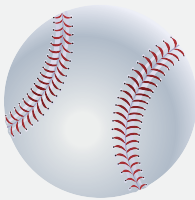
TOP OF HIS GAME



Courtesy Photo
Ellsworth Bearcat Dayton Davis was chosen for the Kansas Association of Baseball Coaches 3A "All State" Baseball 2nd Team pitcher.

MORE POST SEASON HONORS

- NCAA All-League selections are:
- Softball: Senior Elizabeth Hipp — 1st Team.
 - Junior Nicole Haase — Honorable Mention.
 - Baseball: Senior Jaxson Stefek —1st Team.
 - Junior Dayton Davis — 1st Team.



POST SEASON PLAY



LORI FARMER/Ellsworth County I-R
Camryn Eberhart of Wilson scored 7 points Saturday, May 5, in the 6th annual TVC/NPL State Line All-Star basketball tournament at Mankato. The final score was 84-72 in favor of Eberhart's Kansas team.

ATTENTION COACHES AND PLAYERS

To all you boys and girls of summer. Starting in July, the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter will start running photos of this summer's ball teams. Coaches and parents, please take a moment to snap a photo of your teams and get them to us to share with our readers. You can send them to sports@indyrepnews.com or call (785) 472-5085 if you have questions. Don't forget to identify the players and coaches in the photos. Thank you and have a great summer!



Courtesy Photo

Members of the 2020-21 Ellsworth FFA Chapter. The group will go on to compete at the National FFA Convention this October in Indianapolis, Ind.

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placed in the Bronze Division of Livestock Judging and Horse Judging.

- ♦ Nicole Haase was third overall in the Social Systems Agriscience Fair and 12 overall in State Livestock Judging.
- ♦ Hannah Andringa was fourth overall in the Social Systems Agriscience Fair and 12 overall in State Ag Sales.
- ♦ Noah Goss- 10th overall State Livestock Judging.
- ♦ Layton Leiker placed in the Bronze Division for Poultry

Judging.

- ♦ Kirsten Meier placed in the Bronze Division for Meats Judging.
- ♦ The Ellsworth FFA Ag Sales Team placed third overall at State. Team members are Tucker Huseman, Nicole Haase, Rachel Sebesta and Hannah Andringa.
- ♦ The Ellsworth FFA Quiz Bowl Team placed fourth at State. Team members are Rachel Sebesta, Olivia Neuman, Rebekah Vague, Lauren Andringa and Katherine Bruning.

- ♦ The Ellsworth FFA Livestock Judging Team placed fifth overall at State. Team members are Noah Goss, Tucker Huseman, Nicole Haase and Katherine Bruning.

The Ellsworth FFA will now go on to compete at the National level.

“If you see any of these students, please tell them great job,” Stover said. “It’s truly amazing that Ellsworth had this many kids make top honors at state.

Stover commended her chapter officer team for the effort,

work and dedication, not only to the Ellsworth FFA Chapter, but to Ellsworth Junior-Senior High School and to the community of Ellsworth as well.

“The team put together activities throughout the COVID pandemic that were fun, student and community engaging while planning COVID safety requirements for activity approval,” Stover said. “We are thankful the administration and school was so supportive of the new ideas we brought to light along with the normal fan favorites with

some twists for safety protocol. Whether it was hosting pink out week, the pancake feed, or a Frisbee tournament, the Ellsworth FFA Chapter members came together for leadership development, community enhancement, and educating the public about agriculture.”

Stover said all Ellsworth agriculture education students should be proud — whether their input was large or small — because it takes an army to make these events happen and to showcase them in a special way for the state championship.



Bible School Snack Time

At left, a participant in Ellsworth’s “Rocky Railway” Community Vacation Bible School takes time for a snack. An average of 126-128 local children attended the annual event which took place June 7-11 at Ellsworth Elementary School

I-R Photo by
Alan Rusch

Central Plains

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operating one less facility. This also means fewer administrative and classified staff, along with savings in utilities. However, improvements would be needed at Central Plains High School to accommodate the additional K-6 students.

The third option, maintain the current configuration, was not, according to the group, a viable option because it does not address the objective of the study — the best configuration of the Central Plains school district for the next 20-25 years.

The fourth option, land transfer, involved Wilson School and timing. Jordan said the group originally thought a transfer plan might be triggered

when the K-12 facility at Wilson no longer was financially sustainable. The group said there would have to be districts willing to accept such a transfer. Alternatives to a land transfer included forming cooperative agreements with junior-senior high schools near Wilson to provide educational and extracurricular opportunities for students.

The group said the fifth and sixth options — move the central office and move six grade — should be done at the same time as a kitchen reconfiguration (going to a central kitchen or two kitchens in the district) to address space and bathroom challenges at Central Plains Elementary School in Holyrood.

Jordan noted moving the cen-

tral office to Wilson would result in a net reduction of one administrator within the district, as the superintendent could serve as the elementary school principal at Wilson. This would create greater space at CPES for additional classrooms necessary for art, Title support and early childhood programs. The kitchen reconfiguration would allow for more bathrooms to be added in the former kitchen space.

Jordan said the board should take these scenarios and accompanying information and establish a timeline for a decision, preferably a direction is established and acted upon by the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

“While the group did not have one definitive solution

that solves all the challenges that the Central Plains School District is facing, there are several components of this report that need to be implemented to realize some efficiencies within the district, which in turn frees up resources for improving educational opportunities for students,” Jordan said.

Superintendent Greg Clark said he would like to conduct a board retreat, perhaps in July after harvest, during which the board, superintendent and building administration could spend a day reviewing the information in the study and set up a timeline to see what path the district needs to take.

In other business:

- ♦ Approval was given to purchase a new 583-seat bleacher for the CPJSHS football field

from DGJD bleacher manufacturers for a cost of \$156,500. The purchase will be paid from 2021-22 budget funds. DGID has offices in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas and Denver, Colo. Also in the motion was a strong recommendation by board member Tamara Dody that the football and track teams do fundraising in local communities to help defer part of the cost of the bleachers.

“It (the fundraising effort) would definitely go a long ways,” said Brad Schiermeyer, board president.

- ♦ Approval was given to the resignation of Audria Hanzlick as an English teacher at Wilson School.
- ♦ The year-end board meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, at CPES.



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First Grade Mrs. Worl

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Love,
Kimy

My dad is special because he takes me to the lake. My dad and I like to go to the park. I love my dad because he is my dad.

Love,
Kenzie Girl

My dad is special because he makes us laugh. I love my dad so much. I like to hang out with him.

Love,
Tess

I love my dad because he lets me do amazing things like work on cars and wrestles with me.

Love,
Jack

I like my dad because he lets us go somewhere with him. My dad brings us to a friend's house. We like to play.

Love,
John

My dad is special because he helps me make my boat and my car. My dad and I like to make new things.

Love,
Hunter

My dad is special because he lets me help him plant seeds. I like to feed the dog with my dad.

Love,
Sawyer

My dad is special because he protects me. I like to play with my dad. I love my dad.

Love,
Seianna

My dad is special because he plays with me. My dad and I like to ride horses together. I love my dad!

Love,
Sheridan

My dad is special because he is really nice. My dad and I like to go to park.

Love,
Emethyst

My dad is special because my dad and I used to ride on the lawn mower every time. I love my dad!

Love,
Edith

My dad and I like to play together when I feel sad. My dad is special because he is always nice to me and he protects me.

Love,
BraeLynn

First Grade Mrs. Kurtz- Sebesta

Dear Dad,

I like walking the dog with you. Thank you for the delicious dinner you make. Thank you for helping the Sugar Shack so the ice cream can be good and yummy.

Love,
Teresa

Dear Dad,
I like fishing out side. Thank you Dad. I love you, Dad.

Love,
Braxton

Dear Daddy,
I like fishing with you. Thank you for taking me to the Monster Jam. I just love you so much, Dad.

Love,
Isaiah

Dear dada,
I love to watch Star Girl with you. Thank for being there when I am scared. I love you so much Dada.

Love,
Madelyn

Dear Dad,
My favorite thing I like to mow with you. Thank you for taking us to the Mexican restaant. Thank you for the track for Bub.

Love,
Lakyn

Dear Daddy,
I like watching my Dad cook on the grill. It is fun to watch.

Love,
Jordan

Dear Dad,
I like to go on walks.

Thank you for going to the monster truck. I love when you tuck me in my blanket.

Love,
Brenna

Dear Dad,
I like to help you pick strawberries. Thank for helping me. I love you.

From,
Raelynn

Dear Dad,
I like hanging out with you. Thank you for hanging out with me some-times. Thank you for asking Santa to get me a Nintendo.

Love,
Harley

Dear Daddy,
I like playing baseball with you. Thank you for letting me go to the park. Thank you dad for the jewelry box.

Love,
Ellie

Dear Dad,
I like your shirt. Thank you for helping me. I love you.

Love Dad,
Aaliyah

Dear Daddy,
I really like playing with you. I like just us together at home. I love you Daddy.

Love,
Kira

Second Grade Mrs. Smith

Dear Dad,

Happy father's day. You are a great dad. You are fun. He is cray. He is good at fishing. He should get a new fishing pole. Thank you for taking care of me. I love you. He is caring. He is a good dad. He helps me read book so I can take a test.

Love,
Remington

Dear dad,
Happy Fathers Day, dad. Thank you for doing the dishes and helping me with my chores. Thank you for taking care of me. I like to play football with him. and helping on the book I am making. You are funny and kind. I think for a gift you should have a dog.

Love,
Adi

Dear Dad,
Happy Fathers Day. I thank you for taking me fishing. I thank you for taking me hunting. I thank you for fixing up the Z50. I love the food you make. I love your der meat. You should get sum minos for our pon.

Jasper

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day Dad! I'm going to tell you thank about helping me because when Dad saw me in the Doctors, I broke my arm and dad was helping me to get better. When I was not good at football he helped me. I thank him for helping. I like playing football

and baseball. I love my Dad is the he work's on cars with me. I like about my Dad is that I like his hat. Dad I'm going to get you a card.

Love,
Rayce Martin

Dear Damon,
Happy Fathers day. Thank you for teaching make a paper airplanes that can stab someone. Thank you for helping me when needed. Thank you for always making my day. I like to fish with you. I like to play with you. I love that you're fun. I love that you are at my house a lot. I think that you should get a new squirrel feeder.

Love,
squid (Colby Barta)

Dear Dad,
Happy fathers day. You make me happy. You make me smile. You are fun and happy. Thank you for helping me with homework. Thank you for doing stup with me. We do stup together. I wont to get him tools. A lot of tools. A 100 dollers.

Love,
Blake

Dear Dad,
Happy Fathers Day. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for helping me on the rough times. Thank you for helping me when I had a broken arm. I like to play with you. I like hurting

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you. I think you should get a grill because I love your food.
Love,
Ashlynn

Dear Dad,
Happy Fathers day. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for the love. Thank you for food. Make jokes. Laf with him. Your funny. Your a good Dad.
Love,
Angel

Dear dad,
Happy Fathers Day. Thank you for being there when I had my appendix. Thank you for rasing me. Thank you for loving me. I love fishing with you and playing catch with you. I love that he loves me. I'm glad you help other people. You should get a new grill.
Love,
Hannah

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day. You are very nice to me. Thanks for grilling. And you always help me. I like to hunt with you. I like to fish with you. You don't get mad at me. You always play baseball with me. I could get you some hunting supplies.
Love,
Cam

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day. Thank you for helping me grow. Thank you for getting me a new bike. Thank you for getting me a skateboard. I like to ride bikes with you dad. I like to play golf with you. It makes me hapy. You should get a jrrasic wrld geep.
Love,
Evan

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day! Thank you for helping me with AR. Also thank you for cooking so great on the grill. Also thank you for the way you make us laugh! I love to hike with you. You make it so fun. And I love to practice sports with you. I love how funny you are. You always make things interesting. I think you should get some camping suppllies for Father's Day.
Love,
Callen

Dear Grampa,
Happy Fathers day! I like playing football with you. I also like talking with you. Thank you for taking your time to play with me! Thank you for keeping me safe when I'm at our farm. Thank you for letting us watch TV. I love how you are a farmer. I think you should get 100 dollars!
Love,
Leyton

Dear Dad,
Dad he is fun. Happy father's and he is good dad. And he is a good

fisherman. He helps me fish. I love him.
Love,
Remington

Second Grade Mrs. Robson

My dad rocks. You rule. Doing things. All so nice. Dad is cool.
Love,
Kage

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day. I hope you have a nice time with us. You are awesome. You are the awesomest Dad I ever had.
Love,
Ahiston

Dear Dad,
I mis you. How are you? See you soon. Be cool!
Love,
Ryccar

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day! I like how you BBQ chicken and steak. I like when we snuggle and watch movies.
Love,
Sunni

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day! You are some dad. You are the best and nicest of all! I love when you and I go fishing!!!! I also love the movies.
Love,
Remy

Dear Dad,
I miss you so much. I wish you can come back. I hope you can come back with me. Come back home with me so I can have a regular life again. I'm wanting you home and I wish you luck.
Love,
Talon

My dad is the best. You rock. Anthony was nice. Even more nice. Super nice. Often nice. Most nice. Eats quickly. Does great things. Awesome. Doesn't quit.
Love,
Warren

My dad rules! You are awesome! Doesn't quit. All dads rock! Does great things.
Love,
Paige

My dad is awesome. You rock! Dad rocks. Awesome. Doesn't quit on me. Happy Father's Day!
Love,
Aurora

Dear Dad,
Happy Father's Day! You make good BBQ. I like it when we play pool.
Love,
Logan

My Dad is amazing. You are the best. Does good work. Amazing. Dads are the best.
Love,
Madey

Rose are red violets are

blue you like me. I like you too! Another year is here another year is gone but I will still love you and I am not wrong. I love you dad and still I'm not wrong I will still love you for years to come.
Love,
Macy

Dear Dad,
You make the best steak. I like how you take me on jeep trails. I like how you play video games with Coulson and me.
Love,
Kynzie

Dear Daddy,
I love you because you take care of me and give me love and sing your weird songs. You're the best dad ever because you have a pretty good job and you're getting a better job and that's why we are moving. You make sure that we have food and a home to live in and you let me walk on your back to pop it.
Love,
Kennedy

My dad is cool! You are nice. Doesn't give up on me. All things you do are good. Does things well.
From,
Jaxson

My dad rocks. You're great. Daring. Amazing. Da G.O.A.T.
From,
Lander

Second Grade Mrs. Kasper

Dear Dad,
You are awesome and I love that. I love how you served in the Army. You're strong, brave, and amazing. I follow in your steps as an infantry man and more. I just like you and my mom. I'm glad you coach and play with me. You're the best dad ever! I love hunting with you. I love what you do and always will.
Love,
Mac

Dear Dad,
I love when you play football. I like when you play catch with me. I'm happy when you play baseball with me. I enjoy it the most when you play with me. I like when you help me drive your GMC truck. The best thing to do with you is go to The Alley.
Love,
Quinn

Dear Dad,
Thank you for all of the things you do like playing with me, letting me help you, and teaching me new things. Thank you for providing me with food and shelter. Thank you for making me laugh, being helpful and loving me. Thank you for helping me. Thank you for fixing my stuff when it's broken.



Love,
Lexi

Dear Dad,
I like how you cook food for me because I love it. You are funny to me. Thank you for doing your job so we have money. You are smart too. Thank you for fixing stuff that you need for your job so we can have money. You taught me where things go when you fix stuff. I love how you are helpful too.
Love,
Pierce

Dear Dad,
You are funny, strong, smart, and helpful. I like how you help us fix stuff and help us learn new

things. You do earn money for food and to buy needs and wants. Thank you for what you do for me and other people. You do things for other people and you put smiles on people's faces.
Sincerely,
Brooklyn

Dear Dad,
Thank you for all the support you give me and the things that I need. You play with me and you are nice. And also you get us food and water. You buy us needs and what we want. You also have jokes that are funny.
Love,
Derek

Dear Dad,

I love you very much when you fix my stuff. I like it when you help me pull onions out of the ground. I like it when you play with me. I like it when you are funny too. I like it when you buy stuff for me too.
Your Son,
Trevor

Dear Dad,
I like how you are nice to me. I like how you help me when I need help. I like it when you play with me too. It is nice when you cook for me. You are helpful when I need it.
Love,
Laila Thompson

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You are very good at working on cars. I like it when we hang out. I know you work very hard at the salt mine, and you are very good at it. You are very strong and smart. You are very good at fixing things.
Your Son,
Joey

Dear Dad,
I hope you can help us. I hope you can make funny jokes today. I hope you can play with me. I hope you can do your work. I hope you can be helpful.
Love,
Sean

Dear Dad,
You help people fix stuff. You cook for me, Joz, and

mom. You are funny when you play with the dog. You are also strong and smart. You help us do stuff.
Sincerely,
Ryker

Dear Dad,
I liked it when you let me play on your computer. You help me when I need help. I liked it when you played with me. I like my new bed. I like to watch TV with you.
Love,
Lysa

Dear Dad,
Thank you for helping me with stuff. I like it when you coach me. Thank you for making roads and bridges. I love going fishing with you. Thank you for getting money and buying stuff for

me.
Love Your Son,
Brantley

Dear Dad,
You make me laugh and you play with me. You're strong and brave with our cows. You are kind and nice. I like the way you laugh. You've made food for me.
Love,
Breckyn

Dear Father,
I love you so much. You're the best dad ever. You help me a lot and I love it. I love you so so so very much. You're the best dad and I love you so much. I like how you help me and you're nice.
Love,
Nataley

Dear Dad,
I love you because you are helpful. I also love you because you cook. Another reason why I love you is you are nice. I also love you because you fix my stuff. Oh I love you because you help others.
Love,
Jayden

Fourth Grade Mrs. Tripp

Dear dad,
My dad thinks of others when he builds roofs
I remember Christmas when you showed me my 4weler.
Happy fathers day dad,
August

Dear dad and grandpa,
Happy Father's Day, I

hope you have a nice day, have fun, and thank you for so much. I can't wait to go to Montana with my uncle. Thank you for letting me keep the turtle.
Your friend,
Avery

Dear Dad,
Thank you so much for being a great dad. I love when we get to spend time together.
I enjoy cooking, fishing, and playing video games with you and more.
Love, Katie

Dear Dad,
Thank you for playing with me after you get off work. I like kayaking with you down the river. I love you Dad.
Love, Owen

Dear Dad,
Thank you for a kx 65. You are the best dad ever. I like when we fix fences and cross creeks on the dirt bikes.
Love, Tyler

Dear Dad
Happy fathers day! I love you so much! My favorite memory is when we were on your bed playing the xbox and watching movies and eating chips. I also love it when you buy us toys! I should also say Legos because I used to love those
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From the files of the August 29, 1985 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

136 YEARS AGO August 27, 1885

The city authorities are having a culvert built across the creek on north Douglas avenue.

Mr. A. Larkin has a handsome residence situated on a beautiful grove crowned elevation just south of the city limits. This splendid structure is all built of fine cut stone, is two stories with basement and attic, making three full stories. On top of the building is a handsome observatory, from which you may command a view of the whole city and many miles of surrounding country. The interior is most handsomely finished, making fifteen large and commodious rooms with every attached convenience. The whole house is heated with hot air generated by a furnace in the basement. The proprietor has spared neither time, pains or expense in the erection of this building, having designed it as a permanent home. The whole cost of the building is over \$20,000 and is by far the finest and most substantial private residence in Central Kansas. Mr. Larkin who, by the way, is one of our most enterprising merchants, is deserving of much praise for his beautiful and permanent improvement to our city and county.

Two teams belonging to F.D. Boggs, ran away last week, doing considerable damage. One of the horses had one of his hind feet cut off.

Two new school houses, one in the eastern and the other in the western portions of the city are now being built. They will be used as Primary schools.

111 YEARS AGO August 25, 1910

The board of county commissioners went up the Smoky river last Saturday to locate the new bridge between Black Wolf and Wilson.

The annual picnic of the old settlers of Ellsworth county was held yesterday in the Hodgden grove one mile south of Kanopolis. In spite of the hot weather there was a large crowd present during the entire day. At noon well-filled baskets were brought forth and everyone sat down to enjoy a picnic dinner. In the afternoon after the regular business had been disposed of and officers elected for the coming year, Ira E. Lloyd of this city, Harry Pestana of Russell, and Major Sternberg from south of Kanopolis delivered impromptu speeches telling of the hardships of the settlers of western Kansas during the early days. The officers elected were W.F. Kline of Kanopolis, president; George Huycke of the city, vice president; H.V. Faris from south of Kanopolis, secretary; and Major Sternberg

from southeast of Kanopolis, treasurer. The committee is composed of I.E. Lloyd, H. Bardwell, George Huycke, Abe Essick and W.S. Faris.

75 YEARS AGO August 29, 1935

D.H. Fraker who has been a prominent figure in this community for sixty-three years, died at his home in this city early Wednesday morning. Daniel H. Fraker was born in Shippensburg, Pa., in 1847. In 1872 he moved to Wilson and a year later came to Ellsworth and secured employment with the late Jerome Beebe, who operated a mercantile store. Mr. Fraker remained with Mr. Beebe a number of years and later opened a store of his own. Some twenty years ago he sold his business to his brother-in-law, Charles Hite, and retired from active business. He was a stockholder in the Ellsworth Mill & Elevator company headed by Harry Work.

Patterson brothers expect soon to commence the erection of a service station on lots owned by them at the corner of highways 14 and 40-S north of Ellsworth.

The T.G. O'Donnell hardware company has had a new sign installed and the front of the building painted gray.

61 YEARS AGO September 1, 1960

Two hundred dinners were served at the annu-

al Catholic Bazaar and Dinner Tuesday evening. Excitement reached high pitch when the drawing for the prizes took place. Prize winners were: Mrs. Bill Kirk, the hand made quilt; the first prize of an automatic dishwasher went to Keith Kirk; second prize, a Remington twelve gauge automatic shotgun, to Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Geneseo; third prize, \$30, Chug Huycke; and fourth prize, \$25, Ben Urbanek, Lincoln.

46 YEARS AGO August 21, 1975

The cash price for wheat made a sharp upward turn peaking at \$4.02 per bushel at the end of last week, but took a 23-cent plunge, closing at \$3.75 Tuesday afternoon, August 26, as the result of a saturated market.

41 YEARS AGO August 28, 1980

While many school districts are struggling with decreasing enrollments, official enrollment is up by 10 students in the Ellsworth-Kanopolis school district (USD 327). Enrollment at Ellsworth High School was boosted with the enrollment of 17 students from Geneseo High School which was closed at the end of the 1979-80 school year. Unofficially, Ellsworth enrolled 267 students during two enrollment days last week.

36 YEARS AGO August 29, 1985

The Ellsworth City

Council Monday, after swearing in new council member, Dane Britton, unanimously passed an ordinance clearing the way for the city to issue \$1,000,000 in industrial revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the Red Shield Realty project. The project is the acquisition of the Ell-Kan building by Craft World Inc. The ordinance allows the city to use the bonds and renovations in the building which has been Craft World's midwestern distribution center since July. The city will enter a lease agreement with Red Shield Realty, a Maryland general partnership.

The August camp-out of the Smoky Hill Campers was in the Lucas Park Area of Lake Wilson. Seven member units attended a part or all of the session. The men prepared a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, an interesting feature of the camp-out. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Erhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Schultz and granddaughter, Heather, Ellsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Kratzer, Lorraine; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Yager, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Horejsi and Mrs. Lizzie Walter, Holyrood.

Residents of the St. Francis Boys' Home near Salina capped a busy day with a brief visit to the Governor's office in Topeka. Accompanied by three staff members, the 22 boys presented Governor John Carlin

with a letter of appreciation for his support of public education.

Lorenzen and Ambrusts will hold the annual Lorenz basket dinner around 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 1 at the Lorenz picnic grove, six miles north of Carneiro or south of I-70 at the Carneiro exit. You are asked to bring a favorite dish and your table service. There will be horseshoes, volleyball, softball (bring your gloves), swings and special music by some of the guests during the afternoon. "Come and have a good time, visit with your friends," say Delbert and Patsy. There will be gate prizes so please come and register.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haase, Ellsworth, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a family gathering Sunday, September 1, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Mr. Haase and the former Anna Kohls were married September 2, 1925 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church north of Ellsworth. They have since lived in and around Ellsworth. The Haase's have three children, Mrs. Charles (Edith) Reed, Oakley; Mrs. Bill (Della) Ranker, Great Bend; and Otto Haase Jr., Bettendorf, Iowa. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The historic items on this page appear as they did in the original publication.

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Our world is searching so hard to find identity and purpose. The problem for the most part is that it is looking in all the wrong places.

If one desires to find a fish to put in an aquarium, one doesn't go walking down the middle of a road ... one must go to a place where there is water with fish in it.

If one desires to find a saguaro cactus, one doesn't go to the Amazon Rain Forest in Brazil ... one goes to the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, the Mexican state of Sonora, the Whipple Mountains and Imperial County areas of California, or to a nursery or garden center that specialized in growing saguaro cactus.

The only way one can truly find their identity and purpose is to go to the One who created, designed, and loves them with a love beyond description ... God.

King David's words recorded in Psalms 139:13-16 NIV84 state, "(13) For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (14) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (15) My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, (16) your eyes saw my unformed body.



**Pastor
Exie Barber**

*Pastor's
Podium*

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

God has personally taken the sperm of a man and the egg of a woman to lovingly design each and every person that has ever been born into this life. He has a special unique plan and design for every person ... thus there are no two identical DNAs or fingerprints, not even from two identical twins.

As is supported all throughout the Bible, God has a wonderful plan for every individual that has ever been born. The problem is that many times human beings do not go to their designer to discover what that unique and special design and plan are.

Instead, they try to come up with their own design for themselves, or for others, and become frustrated and angry. They then try to blame God for making a mistake when the problem is they have rejected their Creator's beautiful and wonderful design for them and tried to form their own.

This would be somewhat like taking a catfish out of the river and turning it loose on Interstate 70 or planting a saguaro cactus in the middle of the Amazon Rain Forest. It won't fit and it won't survive.

David is recorded in verses 17 and 18 of the above passage as saying, "(17) How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! (18) Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you." Wow, even when we weren't thinking about Him ... perhaps were even trying to convince ourselves that He either made a mistake when He created us or that He doesn't exist; God was, and is, thinking about us. This is why He formulated a plan that even included leaving heaven, taking upon Himself the flesh of mankind, and offering Himself as a human sacrifice in our place that we could be restored to His loving, and yet just, arms of love for all eternity.

John 3:16 NIV84, "(16) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (18) Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already

because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

Won't you give yourself fully unto Jesus as your Savior and Lord and let the Holy Spirit of God begin to create in you the special, unique individual that God has planned for you to be and to open up His wonderful plan for your life?

It's never too late; unless we continue to reject God's love, plan, and design for our lives and death overtakes us and we pass into eternity having remained outside of His loving embrace.

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 Exie Barber, pastor at the Assembly of God Church, Ellsworth.



Church Services In Ellsworth County

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
UMW: 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.

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Assembly of God

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106 W. Eighth, (785) 531-0067
Discipleship Develop.: 9:45-10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Children/youth: 7-8 p.m.

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Father Harvey Hillin, pastor
104 W. Fourth
Sunday service: 10 a.m.

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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,
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Luke Brown, pastor
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Sunday service: 10 a.m.

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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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Adult Bible Class: 8:30 a.m.
Church service: 9:30 a.m.

Smoky Hill Baptist

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

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Dennis Carter, pastor
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10:45 a.m. Sunday service
TV ministry: 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Sunday

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Church: 307 Webb St., (785) 472-9300
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Zach Ullom, pastor
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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

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Dan Harders, pastor
209 S. County Rd., (785) 252-3275
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
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St. Mary's Catholic

Fr. Tony Kulandaijesu
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Masses broadcast on Facebook Live under St. Wenceslaus Church — morning masses at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. Sunday.

KANOPOLIS

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JUDGEMENT ON PLEA OF GUILTY — Ronald Alan Alves, speeding, \$153.
Cesare R. Arici Jr., speeding, \$201.
Jason Robert Augustine, speeding, \$165.
Suzette V. Baker, speeding, \$249.
William Blake Barber, speeding, \$195.
Taylor M. Barton, speeding, \$183.
Rachel D. Buccieri, speeding, \$153.
Joseph D. Carloni, speeding, \$195.
Michael Andrew Cerrone, speeding, \$177.
Maurice Joseph Chianese, speeding, \$213.
Dylan M. Cook, speeding, \$213.
Todd Alan Crawford, speeding, \$183.
Frank Alexander Davis, speeding, \$183.
Adriana Diaz Martinez, speeding, \$183.
Kedrick Isaac Duvall, speeding, \$171.
Arcelito M. Fernandez, speeding, \$222.
Chacon Aaron Garcia, speeding, \$153.
Maxwell Thomas Geist, speeding, \$183.
Gina Nicole Gibbs, speeding, \$159.
Christina K. Goding-Kline, speeding, \$195.
Megan Jo Hare, speeding, \$159.
Helmer Obispo Hernandez Y Hernandez, speeding, \$165.
Heath Oreilly Herndon, speeding, \$171.
Matthew Tate Hoffman, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.
Gary Anthony Horton, speeding, \$171.
Thomas Arthur Hughes, speeding, \$177.
Jason Larry Jackson, speeding, \$171.
Roger A. Johnson, speeding, \$177.
Inna Fedora Jorgensen, speeding, \$177.
Jonathan D. Kline, speeding, \$231.
Ashwin Karthik Mahadevan, speeding, \$276.
Monty Erik McQuillan, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, \$183; failure to drive in right lane on a four lane highway, \$75.
Paden Robert Meinhold, speeding, \$159.
Douglas James Meredith, driving on the left in a no-passing zone, \$183.
James Paul Meyer, speeding, \$213.
Ruth Virginia Montoya, speeding, \$159.
Kenneth R. Noble, speeding, \$183.
Tyler Alese Norman, speeding, \$222.
Meaghan K. Parsons, speeding, \$153.
Tyler Cameron Peck, speeding, \$222.
Shey Ryan Pedersen, speeding, \$159.
Campa Ivan Perfecto Perales, child passenger safety, restraining systems and seat belts, \$168.
Zachariah Isaiah Phillips, speeding, \$195.
Jessica Jolene Pickering, speeding, \$153.
Matthew K. Pike, speeding, \$153.
Marin Pinte, speeding, \$171.
Martin Joseph Reilly, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, \$183.
Mark William Reiss, speeding, \$171.
Thomas James Renard, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.
Jeremy I. Rives, speeding, \$318.
Lauren Ashley Roche, speeding, \$171.
Gerardo Roman Lopez, speeding, \$294.
Aaliyah Tai Jhean Sebock, speeding, \$159.
Michael A. Seger, speeding, \$294.
Teresa L. Shaffer, speeding, \$183.
Lynette Marie Shepherd, speeding, \$153.
Resley Wade Simone, speeding, \$177.
Noah L. Spencer, speeding, \$153.
Holle Rene Suskey, speeding, \$183.
Alexis A. Taverner, speeding, \$294.
Jordan Suk Thiem, speeding, \$195.
Stephanie Anne Vue, speeding, \$183.
Carol Ann Weihe, speeding, \$159.
Maurice Williams Jr., speeding, \$171.
Griffin M. Wiltens, speeding, \$183.
William D. Wolfe, speeding, \$183.
Marcella R. Ybarra, speeding, \$153.
DEFERRED ADJUDICATION — Joe L. Bourdow, speeding, \$258.
Ellaina Marie Brightbill, speeding, \$258.
Rosio Camba, speeding, \$258.
Austin Tyler Eddy, speeding, \$358; vehicles, unlawful acts, registration.
Andrew Gage Guebara, speeding, \$258.
Shane Franklin Haase, failure to wear a seat belt.
Judy Lynn Low, speeding, \$258.
Joshua Cameron Miner, speeding, \$258.
Ziauddin Monir, speeding, \$258.
Nichole Marie Morehead, speeding, \$258.
Tinasha L. Mushonga, speeding, \$258.
John Arthur Neff, speeding, \$258.

Brandon Mark Radenberg, speeding, \$258; defective wipers, obstructed windshield or windows.
Jared Eugene Schoemann, speeding, \$258.
DEFERRED ADJUDICATION (DUI ONLY) — Shane Franklin Haase, driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol, first conviction, \$1,403.
Sheriff Office
INJURY ACCIDENTS — At 7:42 a.m. May 12, Cameron J. Banwell, 22, Garden City, was driving south on K-156 Highway in a 2016 Hyundai. Just south of Ave. D, as he attempted to pass a semi-truck, Banwell crashed head on into a northbound 2019 Kia Sol driven by Jesus A. Cazaras Jr., 29, Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Cazaras was not injured in the accident. Banwell and Cazaras' two passengers, Ramona A. Cazaras, 56, and Jenise R. Cazaras, 4, both of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., were injured. Ramona Cazaras was transported by LifeSave Transport to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. No information on her condition was available. Banwell and Jenise Cazaras were transported by Ellsworth County EMS ambulance to Salina Regional Health Center, where Banwell was admitted then released three days later. Jenise Cazaras was transferred to Wesley Medical Center. No information on condition was available.
Ellsworth Police
May 30-June 5 Response Log — The department responded to or self-initiated a total of 85 incidents, resulting in four cases and eight citations.
NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS — At 6:43 a.m. June 1, officers responded to a non-injury accident at K-156 Highway and K-140 Highway. Gary Nagel, 32, Ellsworth, was driving a 2001 Chevrolet pickup truck when he hit a 2012 Ford Focus driven by Steven Hook, 39, Ellsworth.
Wilson Police
April Response Log — The department responded to the following calls: non-injury accidents, 1; 911 disconnect, 3; animal complaint, 2; burglary, 1; criminal damage to property, 1; code enforcement, 1; call for assistance, 3; civil complaint, 2; check the area, 1; check a subject, 1; domestic battery, 1; fire, 1; fire alarm, 1; follow up, 2; harassment, 1; hit and run, 1; lock out, 1; noise complaint, 1; outside agency assist, 2; traffic control, 1; theft, 3; talk to an officer, 3; welfare check, 2.
Deeds
Jay D. Mitzner and Jodi L. Mitzner grant and convey to the Karen M. Gorrell Trust Lot 10 in the Yankee Run Cabin Area of Kanopolis Lake and part of the northwest quarter of Section 20-16-6 in Ellsworth County, Kan.
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Jeanne Leandra Trujillo, Filimon Trujillo, Douglas Andrew Leal, Emelda Leal, Chris R. Leal, Cynthia Leal and Corey E. Leal grant and convey to Jose A. Mendez and Carla R. Mendez Lots 24-25 in Briscoe's First Addition to the City of Ellsworth.
The Donald G. Dumler Revocable Living Trust and the Marilyn K. Dumler Revocable Living Trust grant and convey to Ronny Soukup and Susan Soukup Lot 13 in the Canren Addition to the City of Ellsworth.
Joseph Miller and Tanya Witter grant and convey to Tanya Witter Lots 10-11 in Block 53 in the original City of Kanopolis.
Travis Suelter and Alisa Suelter grants and conveys to Gary Hick Lots 7-8 in Block 5 in Kupper's Addition to the City of Ellsworth.
Julie L. Maddox grants and conveys to Sarah F. Homeier a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 16-17-7 in Ellsworth County, Kan.
James Zamrzla IV and Stephanie Zamrzla grant and convey to Riley J. Zamrzla and Kelsi L. Zamrzla a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 34-15-10 in Ellsworth County, Kan.
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PARA-PROFESSIONAL POSITION - PART TIME:

USD 112 Central Plains is currently taking applications for a **part-time para-professional** at **Central Plains Jr-Sr High School in Clafin**, to begin August 16, 2021.

This would be for 3.5 hours each afternoon, during the school year.

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Public Notice

Abandoned Vehicle

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 3, 2021)

NOTICE

Randy's Body Shop and Towing, (785) 472-5116, has a 2008 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 2G1WB58K781253123. Vehicle has been abandoned after impound. The vehicle will be sold for cash after the third publication if not claimed by the owner on 6/19/21.

3t 6/17

Kanopolis Nuisance at 220 N. Colorado

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 17, 2021)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS CAUSING A NUISANCE IN VIOLATION OF KANOPOLIS CITY CODE 4-401 THRU 4-413 PROVIDING THAT THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS BE CHARGED AGAINST THE PARCEL OF GROUND ON WHICH THE NUISANCE WAS LOCATED AS PROVIDED FOR IN KANOPOLIS CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the public officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 28th day of April, 2021, issue a Violation Order in writing that certain nuisances exist on real property in violation of the City of Kanopolis Code 4-401 thru 4-413. The property at issue is that located at 220 N Colorado, Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas with the following legal description:

Block Sixty (60), Lots 19-22 in the City of Kanopolis, in the Original City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing be held on the 23rd day of July, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at Kanopolis City hall, at which time the property's own, owner's agent, any lienholder of record, or any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

That this resolution be published once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in the Ellsworth Independent Reporter, and that the last day of publication be at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

That a copy of this resolution be mailed to within 3 days of its first publication to each owner, agent, lienholder, and occupant at the last known place of residence and shall be marked 'deliver to addressee only.'

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2021

Anthony Hopkins,
Mayor

(SEAL) ATTEST:

Debbie Kralik,
City Clerk

2t 6/24

Kanopolis Nuisance at 000 N. Iowa

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 17, 2021)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS CAUSING A NUISANCE IN VIOLATION OF KANOPOLIS CITY CODE 4-401 THRU 4-413 PROVIDING THAT THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS BE CHARGED AGAINST THE PARCEL OF GROUND ON WHICH THE NUISANCE WAS LOCATED AS PROVIDED FOR IN KANOPOLIS CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the public officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 16th day of May 2021, issue a Violation Order in writing that certain nuisances exist on real property in violation of the City of Kanopolis Code 4-401 thru 4-413. The property at issue is that located at 000 N. Iowa, Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas with the following legal description:

Block Fifty-three (53), Lots 10 & 11 in the City of Kanopolis, in the Original City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing be held on the 23rd day of July, 2021, at 5:30, at Kanopolis City Hall, at which time the property's own, owner's agent, any lienholder of record, or any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

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Adopted this 8th day of June, 2021

Anthony Hopkins,
Mayor

(SEAL) ATTEST:

Debbie Kralik,
City Clerk

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Wilson Communications Combination Service Technician

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PARA-PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
USD 112 Central Plains is currently taking applications for **two para-professionals** - one at **Central Plains Elementary School in Holyrood** and one at **Wilson Elementary School in Wilson**, to begin August 16, 2021.

Both of these positions would be an 8-hour day, Monday through Friday.

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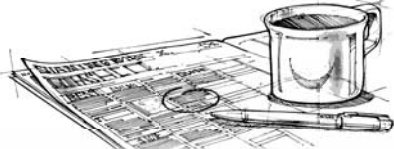
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I-R Public Notices

Anna Verna Bath Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 10, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF NO. 2021-PR-18
ANNA VERNA BATH, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court and cause by Ginger Ellen Bowman, interested party of the estate of Anna Verna Bath, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of all property, and interests in property, both real, personal and mixed, owned by the said Anna Verna Bath at her death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 6th day of July, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Ginger Ellen Bowman
Petitioner

Paul S. Gregory #12408
GREGORY & GREGORY
124 W. Main St.
P. O. Box 345
Osborne, Kansas 67473
785-346-5445
Attorney for Petitioner

3t 6/24

Robert L. Williams Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 3, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate
of Case No. 2020-PR-000040
Robert L. Williams a.k.a. Robert Loren Williams,
Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on May 19, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary L. Williams, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Robert L. Williams a.k.a. Robert Loren Williams, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Robert L. Williams a.k.a. Robert Loren Williams, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 30, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, in Ellsworth, 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.

Mary L. Williams,
Petitioner

SHERMAN HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN,LC
126 N. Douglas Ave., PO Box 83
Ellsworth, KS 67439
(785) 472-3186
Attorneys for Executor

3t 6/17

City of Kanopolis GAAP Waiver

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 17, 2021)

CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS
RESOLUTION # 2021-R-02
RESOLUTION TO WAIVE FIXED ASSETS –
GAAP WAIVER 2020

WHEREAS the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2020 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a, (a) are not relevant to be requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Governing Body or the members of the general public of the City of Kanopolis.

WHEREAS there are no revenue bonds ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ended 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas in regular meeting duly assembled this 8th day of June 2021, that the said Governing Body requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to the City of Kanopolis for the year ended 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Governing Body shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Kanopolis this 8th day of June 2021.

Anthony Hopkins – Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk

1t 6/17

Ellsworth Ordinance for Improvements to Buildings

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 17, 2021)

ORDINANCE NO. 3115

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PUBLIC
BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS;
AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR MULTI-USE
PATH IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY; AND
PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS
THEREOF.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12 1736 provides, in part, that any city in the State of Kansas may erect or construct, acquire a public building or buildings and procure any necessary site therefor and may alter, repair, reconstruct, remodel, replace or make additions to, furnish and equip a public building or buildings; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12 1737 provides, in part, that the governing body of any city may, for the purposes hereinbefore authorized and provided, issue bonds of the city; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas (the "City"), hereby finds and determines it to be necessary to authorize and provide for the construction and equipping of certain public building improvements to the City Recreation Center, an existing public building in the City, and to the City Electric Building, and to provide for the payment of the costs thereof, all as provided by said K.S.A. 12 1736 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time ;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City has considered the need to construct a pedestrian/bicycle/multi-use path within the City (the "Multi-Use Path Project") in order to provide for the general health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to construct the Multi-Use Path Project; and

WHEREAS, Article 12, § 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas (the "Home Rule Amendment") and K.S.A. 12-101 empowers cities to determine their local affairs and government and provides that such power and authority granted thereby to cities shall be liberally construed for the purpose of giving to cities the largest measure of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the City is a city within the meaning of the Home Rule Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Use Path Project is located within the boundaries of the City but is not located within a public park and is not a sidewalk located adjacent to a public street or road, as said term is defined in K.S.A. 8-1465, and there is no enactment of the Kansas legislature which authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance the Multi-Use Path Project or which prohibits the City from issuing general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance the Multi-Use Path Project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City hereby further finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable and in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the City to authorize by home rule ordinance the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City to provide funds to finance the Multi-Use Path Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Project Authorization. The following improvements (jointly, the "Public Building Improvements"), with the following estimated costs, are authorized to be made under the provisions of the K.S.A. 12-1736 et seq., in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the governing body and on file with the City Clerk:

Description	Estimated Costs
Construct and equip improvements at the Recreation Center	\$500,000
Construct and equip improvements to the electric building	\$ 60,000

The governing body of the City hereby finds and determines that construction of the Multi-Use Path Project is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens. The Multi-Use Path Project, with an estimated cost of \$200,000, is authorized to be constructed under the provisions of the Home Rule Amendment and K.S.A. 12-101 et seq., in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the governing body and on file with the City Clerk:

SECTION 2. Bond Authorization. The costs of the Public Building Improvements, and necessary financing costs, are chargeable to the City at large, and those costs are authorized to be paid by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in an amount of \$600,000, under the provisions of the K.S.A. 12-1736 et seq.. The costs of the Multi-Use Path Project, and necessary financing costs, are chargeable to the City at large, and those costs are authorized to be paid by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in an amount of \$215,000, under the provisions of the Home Rule Amendment and K.S.A. 12-101 et seq. Said bonds to be so issued may be combined with any general obligation bonds to be issued by the City for any one or more other improvement projects of the City as may be determined by the governing body to be in the best interests of the City.

SECTION 3. Reimbursement. The bonds authorized pursuant to this Ordinance are authorized to reimburse expenditures made on or after the date which is 60 days before the date of this Ordinance, pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after passage by the governing body, approval and signature by the Mayor and publication once in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas, on June 14, 2021 and APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor.

Mark Kennedy
Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Brittany Rohr
City Clerk

1t 6/17

Ellsworth Ordinance to Define Nuisances

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 17, 2021)

ORDINANCE NO. 3116

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING
CITY CODE 8.12.020 AS FOLLOWS:

For purposes of Chapter 8 of the City of Ellsworth Code, the following definition shall replace the previous definition of the term 'Nuisance':

"Nuisance" means any condition which causes or creates an unreasonable interference with the rights of the general public and includes, but is not limited to:

1. Graffiti;
2. Noxious weeds, rank vegetation and weeds and indigenous grasses that are uncontrolled or exceed Nine (9) inches in height, including any vegetation on the right-of-way abutting the owner's property;
3. Accumulation of garbage, rubbish, trash, refuse, junk and other abandoned materials, metals, building materials or other litter which creates an unsightly appearance;
4. The exposed carcasses of animals or fowl not disposed of after death;
5. Rank ponds or standing water (including swimming pools, water receptacles and undrained areas);
6. Accumulation of animal waste;
7. Any building or other structure which is in such a dilapidated condition that it is infested with rodents or insects, left unsecured to allow entry of animals, humans or the natural elements such as rain, hail and snow, or otherwise left unkempt, unsightly, or unsanitary creating a menace to the health and safety of the people residing in the vicinity thereof, or presents a more than ordinarily dangerous fire hazard in the vicinity where it is located;
8. Brush, limbs, trees, shrubs or plants which are dead, diseased or infested which present a harmful or dangerous condition to the public;
9. Any condition which provides harborage for rodents, reptiles, insects and other vermin;
10. Exposed refrigerators, freezers or other appliances;
11. All disagreeable or obnoxious odors and stenches, as well as the conditions, substances or other causes which give rise to the emission or generation of such odors and stenches (including rank or infested compost heaps);
12. The pollution of any well or cistern, stream, river, lake or body of water by sewage, dead animals, industrial wastes or other substances;
13. Smoke, gas, soot or cinders in abnormal quantities, or any amount of noxious fumes;
14. Any rank sewages, rank septic system, rank vault or rank cesspool;
15. Any building, structure, or other place or location where any activity which is in violation of local, state or federal law is conducted, performed or maintained;
16. All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained, or permitted to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
17. Any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the city; and
18. Any other condition which is determined to present a dangerous or harmful condition to the public.

For clarity, this amended changes the height of nuisance grass to nine inches, instead of the previous twelve inches.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of June, 2021.

Mark Kennedy
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brittany Rohr,
City Clerk

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SPECIAL TO THE I-R

Donald C. Langford, warden of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, recently announced the Outstanding Employees and Volunteer of the Year for Fiscal Year 2021. Recipients were honored May 27 at the Employee and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility with family members and professional colleagues in attendance.

Also recognized during the ceremony were the employees who had 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-years of service with the State of Kansas and Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

2021 Employees and Volunteer of the Year

Uniformed Employee of the Year – Corrections Officer II Danny D. Paulson

Non-Uniformed Employee of Year – Program Consultant I Ellen R. Rose

Contract Employee of the Year – Licensed Practical Nurse Tonnnett L. Rusch

Volunteer of the Year — Coordinator for the Catholic Ministry Charles (Chuck) E. Huslig

- 10-Year Service Awards — 2020
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- 25-Year Service Awards – 2021
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- 30-Year Service Awards – 2020
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EMPLOYEES / VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
In top photo, from left: Kansas Department of Corrections Deputy Secretary of Corrections Joel B. Hrabe, Ellsworth Corrections Facility Warden Donald C. Langford, ECF Contract Employee of the Year Tonnnett L. Rusch, ECF Non-Uniformed Employee of the Year Program Consultant I Ellen R. Rose, ECF Uniformed Employee of the Year Sergeant Danny D. Paulson, ECF Volunteer of the Year Charles “Chuck” E. Huslig, and ECF Deputy Warden Douglas K. Lawson.

SERVICE AWARDS:
In the middle photo, from left: Kansas Department of Corrections Deputy Secretary Joel E. Hrabe, Francis J. Devadason, ECF Warden Donald C. Langford, Marvin L. Timmons, Calvin J. Rohr, James A. Homolka, Victoria L. Lanter, Phillip J. DeCouteau, Lois C. Pflughoeft, David A. Alexander, Edith A. Ludlum, Marc A. Stroede, Terri L. Stone, Troy M. Frimmel, Jamie E. Weigel, ECF Deputy Warden Douglas K. Lawson, and Jacob E. Loughridge. Not picture: Jerry Castro, Michael L. Hunt, Tammy LaShell, Barry F. Schultz, and Keith Speer.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS:
Bottom photo, the American Red Cross and The Beating Heart Center recognized ECF staff for their courageous actions during an emergency situation with one of ECF’s residents on Oct. 24, 2020. Staff Sergeant Alexander P. Carrasco, Centurion Registered Nurse Victoria L. Lanter, Staff Sergeant Robert Oltean, Staff Sergeant Jennifer J. Owens, Sergeant Austin D. Pittman, and Staff Sergeant Edward J. Sullivan were nominated for these awards by Safety and Health Specialist Jeff A. Florian for their life-saving response during the emergency. Because of their actions, family members were able to say their goodbyes and have some closure with the resident before he passed away. In the photo, from left: KDOC Deputy Secretary Joel B. Hrabe, Warden Donald C. Langford, Sgt. Austin D. Pittman, S-Sgt. Robert Oltean, S-Sgt. Edward J. Sullivan, Centurion Registered Nurse Victoria L. Lanter, S-Sgt. Alexander P. Carrasco, Centurion Health Services Administrator Kimberly L. Elliott, Maj. Robert D. Murrell, Deputy Warden Douglas K. Lawson, and Safety and Health Specialist Jeff A. Florian. Not pictured: S-Sgt. Jennifer J. Owens.

Ellsworth Improvements to Water Supply

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-0614

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY’S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 65-163d through 65-163u, as amended (the “Act”), authorizes any municipality to acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, rehabilitate or extend all or any part of a public water supply system and to issue general obligation bonds to pay all or part of any costs thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ellsworth, Kansas (the “City”) is a municipality within the terms of the Act and operates a public water supply system, as said term is defined in the Act (the “System”); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to improve the System and to provide for the payment of the costs thereof by the issuance of general obligation bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS:

Section 1. Project Authorization. It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that the System be improved by designing, engineering, and implementing a master System improvement plan, including camera system improvements, and appurtenances thereto (the “Project”).

Section 2. Project Financing. The estimated costs of the Project, including construction, engineering fees, acquisition of right-of-way and easements, contingencies, and administrative and finance expenses is \$535,000. The costs of the Project, interest on interim financing and associated financing costs, shall be payable from the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the City issued under authority of the Act (the “Bonds”).

Section 3. Reimbursement. The Bonds may be issued to reimburse expenditures made on or after the date which is 60 days before the date of this Resolution, pursuant to Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City.

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ADOPTED by the governing body of the Issuer on June 14, 2021.

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Brittany Rohr
City Clerk

Kanopolis Nuisance at 112 S. Missouri

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS CAUSING A NUISANCE IN VIOLATION OF KANOPOLIS CITY CODE 4-401 THRU 4-413 PROVIDING THAT THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS TO ABATE THE CONDITIONS BE CHARGED AGAINST THE PARCEL OF GROUND ON WHICH THE NUISANCE WAS LOCATED AS PROVIDED FOR IN KANOPOLIS CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the public officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 11th day of March 2021, issue a Violation Order in writing that certain nuisances exist on real property in violation of the City of Kanopolis Code 4-401 thru 4-413. The property at issue is that located at 112 S Missouri, Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas with the following legal description:

Block Seventy-six (76), Lots 19-21 & W55” of Lot 16-1 8 Block in the City of Kanopolis, in the Original City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing be held on the 23rd day of July, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at Kanopolis City Hall at which time the property’s own, owner’s agent, any lienholder of record, or any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

That this resolution be published once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in the Ellsworth Independent Reporter, and that the last day of publication be at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

That a copy of this resolution be mailed to within 3 days of its first publication to each owner, agent, lienholder, and occupant at the last known place of residence and shall be marked ‘deliver to addressee only.’

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2021

Anthony Hopkins,
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Debbie Kralik,
City Clerk

Mark Kennedy
Mayor

Courtesy Photos