

## Annual festival raises funds for pet welfare

**Peggy Bair**

*Special to the Times*

The annual HOPE, Inc. Furever Hope Pet Festival was held Saturday at Haymarket Square. The fundraiser supports three animal welfare organizations founded by Kansas Country Store owner Don Brown.

Dogs of all breeds and sizes attended the festival for games and contests. Prizes were raffled as a part of the fundraiser.

HOPE Pet Rescue is an animal shelter that is the focus of Brown's efforts to help the stray animal population in Leavenworth. The shelter is supported by the HOPE Thrift Store. Proceeds support the organization's spay and neuter clinic program.

"We've done about 30,000 spay and neuters since 2010 when we started," said Brown.

Brown said he is pleased with new HOPE shelter manager Jennifer Barker.

"She's probably tripled the adoptions from what we've done in the past," Brown said.

Several kennels of adoptable kittens were at the event. An adoptable

**Pet**

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Eric Duke and his Siberian husky Storm take part in the pet trick contest during the HOPE Furever Hope Pet Festival Saturday at Haymarket Square. *Peggy Bair*



Mama, a German shepherd mix, calmly surveys the crowd.

## Former teacher pleads no contest to indecent liberties

**John Richmeier**

*Leavenworth Times*

A former Leavenworth teacher has pleaded no contest to two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, according to court records.

Jerome C. Riscovallez, 55, Prairie Village, entered the plea Friday in Leavenworth County District Court as part of a plea agreement.

The crimes occurred between August 2023 and February and involved students of Riscovallez, according to court documents and a news release from the County Attorney's Office.

**Jerome Riscovallez**

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Jerome Riscovallez

## Mother charged with endangering child in fentanyl death case

**John Richmeier**

*Leavenworth Times*

The mother of a Leavenworth boy who died from fentanyl poisoning has been charged with endangering a child.

Briana Renee Michelle Davis, 30, faces a felony count of aggravated endangering a child. She was arrested Thursday and made her first court appearance

**Briana Davis**

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# No injuries reported after house fires

## Staff report

No injuries were reported as a result of two recent house fires in Leavenworth, a Fire Department spokesman said.

The first fire was reported at 9:19 p.m. Friday in the 3600 block of Winchester Drive.

Leavenworth Fire Marshal Bill McKeel said a bathroom vent fan apparently overheated. It melted and dropped from the ceiling, catching a bathroom rug on fire.

McKeel said the fire did not spread from the bathroom.

The second fire was reported at 2:01 p.m. Saturday in the 900 block of South Fifth Street.

McKeel said residents of the home had left to pick up food. When they returned, there were flames and smoke in the kitchen.

One of the residents attempted to put out the fire with an extinguisher until the extinguisher was emptied.

McKeel said the fire was contained to the kitchen. Firefighters had to shut off electricity to the home. Four people were displaced.



Ivy Duncan, 10, got a cat face painted while attending the festival.



Olivia Grace is shown in the costume contest.



HOPE, Inc. founder Don Brown looks over the raffle items.



A pet named Raven parades in a chicken outfit.

## Pet

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German shepherd mix named Mama lounged on a fluffy bed, calmly

taking in the visitors.

"She's a 3-year-old German Shepherd mix and I have nothing bad to say about her," Barker said. "She's the sweetest girl. She came in with

another little dog and they were bonded – not her actual puppy – but it was that puppy's mama, so we called her Mama."

Mama is adoptable through HOPE Pet

Rescue by calling 913-680-7300. For more information about HOPE, Inc. and its program, or to make a donation, visit their website, [www.hopeleav.org](http://www.hopeleav.org)

## Jerome Riscovallez

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Riscovallez was a science, technology, engineering and mathematics teacher at Henry Leavenworth Elementary School. He was fired from the job in February because of inappropriate contact with a student. He had been employed by the school district since 2018.

Riscovallez's criminal case was scheduled to go to trial later this month.

A news release from the County Attorney's Office indicates six alleged victims were identified. However, Riscovallez pleaded no contest to charges involving only two victims.

One misdemeanor count of criminal restraint and four misdemeanor counts of battery were dismissed as

part of the plea agreement.

It appears the two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child filed in the case were also amended to change the severity level of the charges, which impacts the possible sentence.

The judge accepted Riscovallez's no contest plea Friday and found him guilty of the two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 10.

As part of the plea agreement, the prosecution will recommend consecutive sentences. The defense will recommend that the sentences run concurrently instead of consecutively, according to court documents.

"While no outcome can undo the harm caused, this plea holds the defendant accountable under the law and, most importantly,

protects the young victims from the retraumatization of having to testify in open court," County Attorney Todd Thompson said in a news release. "After careful consultation with the families, and with deep respect for their wishes, we believe this resolution strikes the necessary balance between justice and compassion. The safety and dignity of these children remain our highest priority."

Three administrators from the Leavenworth school district are facing misdemeanor charges for allegedly failing to report allegations of inappropriate behavior by Riscovallez.

Amy Sloan, Alyssa O'Neal and Kelsey Stimatze are charged with failure to report child abuse or neglect as mandatory reporters.

Their cases are scheduled to go to trial in February.

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# DOGGIE SPLASH



Keiana Morgan watches over her dog while visiting Wollman Aquatic Center Saturday for the annual Doggie Splash. *Peggy Bair*



Spencer Bates helps his Lab Rusty navigate the swim.



Atticus got some encouragement from his human, Katie Hund, during the small dog swim.



Dogs had the chance to play with balls in the pool.



Norman went off-grid from the pool and hopped the fence, climbed the stairs and slid down the water slide, resulting in a brief entertainment for the dogs and visitors. That was quickly nixed by a lifeguard concerned for safety.

## Briana Davis

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Friday, according to court records.

Davis' 3-year-old son, E-lah Brown Jr., died March 26 after he was left in the care of two neighbors, Tara Huerta and Kenneth Hedgecock, at a Leavenworth apartment complex.

An autopsy determined the boy

died as a result of acute fentanyl toxicity.

Huerta and Hedgecock are each charged with first-degree murder in connection with the boy's death.

They also face charges of possession of fentanyl, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Davis is charged with aggravated endangering a child for

allegedly causing or permitting a child to be placed in a situation in which bodily harm was inflicted.

According to a warrant issued for Davis' arrest, the crime is alleged to have occurred March 26, which is the date of her son's death. The victim is identified in the warrant by the initials "EB."

During her initial court appearance Friday, Davis was advised of

the charge against her, and she indicated she intends to hire an attorney rather than seek court-appointed counsel, according to court records.

Bond has been set at \$25,000.

Davis remained in custody Monday morning at the Leavenworth County Jail, according to a Sheriff's Office website.

She is next scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 17.

# EDITORIAL

## Time for more investment in EV charging stations



Matt Nowak

**W**e prefer to take our time when driving across the country and generally drive through the small towns on the backroads. It is amazing what you might see when you get off the big interstate highways.

We have watched potato farmers in Idaho and Washington harvest and deliver huge trucks of potatoes, and we wonder how those spuds survive what looks to us as some pretty rough handling.

We have watched them unload those trucks using conveyors that drop the potatoes into high piles and some of those spuds are dropping 10 feet or more. Then they build up large mounds of dirt around them or put them into big buildings to keep them for the winter. We really don't know how those potatoes don't all end up bruised. We are certainly more careful with our potatoes when we dig them in the garden.

We have also seen large feed-lots for cattle. That is something

**Matt Nowak**

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## PET FESTIVAL FAN



Rayleigh Concannon, 2, enjoys the festivities at the annual pet festival Saturday at Haymarket Square. *Peggy Bair*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Revenue neutral was right decision

#### To the editor:

I want to personally thank everyone for their engagement and support in the recent vote to remain revenue neutral. This decision is a direct win for taxpayers, as it prevents a township-wide tax increase and reflects our shared commitment to responsible fiscal management.

While we're proud of this result, we also know we must prepare for the future. As our township grows, so does the need for enhanced fire protection. We will be re-evaluating our needs next year to ensure we are ready to meet the demands of our expanding community.

I want to extend my personal thanks to the many dedicated individuals who serve our great township: Treasurer Kathleen Williams, Secretary Roberta Ready and Fire Department

Advisory Board President Dale Thomas. A special thank you goes to Fire Chief Jeff Simpson and our amazing team of 16 volunteer firefighters and the Fire Department Advisory Board.

Your commitment, hard work and leadership are what make our community strong, and we are deeply grateful for your tireless dedication to keeping our residents safe.

*- Brian Kellogg/High Prairie Township*

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# Bridge closure postponed to Wednesday

## Staff report

The planned closure of the Centennial Bridge has been postponed until Wednesday, according to a news release from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The bridge, which extends across the Missouri River from Leavenworth to Platte County, Missouri, was scheduled to be closed today for an inspection, but that work has been delayed due to anticipated weather.

The bridge is now scheduled to be closed to all traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Wednesday, Sept. 10

**WHAT:** Leavenworth Farmers Market

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to noon

**WHERE:** Haymarket Square, 7th and Cherokee streets

**DETAILS:** Locally grown and sourced produce, baked goods, cheeses, cookies and more

### Thursday, Sept. 11

**WHAT:** History of Leavenworth Presentation

**WHEN:** 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Saturday

**WHERE:** First City Museum, 743 Delaware St.

**DETAILS:** Guided tour of the museum that has thousands of artifacts of Leavenworth and the Wild West. The fee is \$10.

**WHAT:** Tonganoxie Farmers Market

**WHEN:** 5-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Tonganoxie Public Library, 217 W. 4th St.

**DETAILS:** Locally produced food and value-added agricultural products

**WHAT:** Photographic Treasures of Historic Leavenworth

**WHEN:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday

**WHERE:** Masonic Lodge, 425 Delaware St.

**DETAILS:** Explore rare glass plate negatives, historic photography and stories of Leavenworth at a traveling art exhibition hosted by the Leavenworth County Historical Society and Main Street Leavenworth.

**WHAT:** People Making History: The Iron Marshal

**WHEN:** 7-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Jahn Room - Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St

**DETAILS:** Jon Abel discusses how Louis-Nicolas Davout, known as The Iron Marshal, earned a reputation as Napoleon's most brilliant and reliable general.

## ON THE AGENDA

• The Leavenworth City Commission will meet at 6 p.m. today at Leavenworth City Hall, 100 N. Fifth St.

Agenda items include renewal of an employee benefits plan, a certificate of substantial completion for the Water Pollution Control administration building and first consideration of an updated Standard Traffic Ordinance, an updated Uniform Public Offense Code, an intersection traffic control device master

index and an ordinance regarding filling vacancies on the City Commission.

• The Leavenworth County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Leavenworth County Courthouse, 300 Walnut St.

Agenda items include a presentation about a Monroe Manor reinvestment housing incentive district.

Following the regular meeting, commissioners will have a work session to discuss

Health Department services and funding.

• The Basehor City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Basehor City Hall, 1600 N. 158th St.

Agenda items include a final plat for the Bobcat Woods subdivision, a memorial bench donation, an industrial revenue bond policy, a community improvement district, a conditional use permit for a telecommunication tower and an ordinance concerning trail regulations.

## Police warn of scam involving fake city invoice

John Richmeier

Leavenworth Times

Leavenworth police officials are warning people about a scam that uses the city government's logo.

Deputy Police Chief Dan Nicodemus said the Leavenworth Police Department received a report last week about a scam involving someone posing as a representative of the Leavenworth Planning and Community Development Department.

The scammer solicited money through email and provided a fake invoice. Payment was

requested through a wire transfer, according to Leavenworth Police Chief Pat Kitchens.

The intended victim reported the matter to the police and no money was exchanged, Nicodemus said.

He said the Planning and Community Development Department and other city departments do not operate in this manner.

According to Kitchens, police believe scammers may have obtained information about people who have done business with the city from documents that are available online.

## Matt Nowak

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that you do not see from the interstates. I'm sure that they do not want us to see the conditions under which these animals are kept before they are slaughtered. It may be necessary to keep thousands of animals in feed lots to give us cheap beef, but if a lot more people saw these conditions, especially when it rains and when it is very hot, they might prefer to have meat produced locally and in smaller amounts.

One of the nicest things about driving the backroads is the chance to stop at city parks for lunch and sometimes to stop in local mom-and-pop diners and restaurants to eat.

On the other hand, sometimes we do get on the interstates and then we discover these new service centers that include not only the gas pumps but also have several restaurants and shopping stores inside.

The largest chains are now offering charging stations for electric vehicles. They realize that quite a few people are driving EVs, and they need a place to charge up and that it

takes a bit longer than it takes to add gasoline. In fact, they see that as an advantage for them because now they have the drivers and passengers inside for an extended period during which they may choose to have a meal or just do some shopping.

I think that is very smart on the part of the travel centers. Apparently, they must also believe that there is a future in EV vehicles and they want to capture that clientele by offering them a comfortable experience while they are charging their vehicles.

I have no idea what it costs to set up a charging station, but I suppose that it is less expensive than setting up a gasoline station. There are surely far fewer environmental concerns about things like spilled gasoline and leaking gasoline storage tanks underground. You also do not have to arrange for fuel trucks to deliver fuel. Generally speaking, sources of electricity are going to be available 24 hours a day no matter what the weather and ground conditions.

I believe that it may be a good time for local mom-and-pop diners and restaurants to offer EV charging stations near their facilities. In a town with

several establishments, like Leavenworth, maybe the city could set up multiple charging stations and promote the downtown as being EV-friendly and encourage drivers to visit downtown shops and restaurants while they charge their vehicles.

We may have a federal administration that is anti-renewable resources like wind and solar power for electricity, but apparently some of the big corporations that are in business to serve travelers are taking that next step to accommodate and to attract travelers to their destinations.

I believe that a forward-thinking city could also take advantage of the fact that it takes time to charge an EV, so they might as well as have some place nice to stop and visit while they are charging. I think that the charging stations should be in the downtown area so that local shops, diners and restaurants could all benefit from the EV charging stations. It would also take the burden off the individual businesses and spread the cost out more evenly.

Matt Nowak is a retired natural resources specialist and hobby gardens in Lansing.

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17 Drizzle

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22 Paper label

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25 Olympic prize

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29 Reveal

32 Bring to mind

37 Have food and drink

38 Wanton look

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Friends disrupt concert outings by talking

Eric's Mailbox | Eric Thomas

**Dear Eric:** We go to a lot of concerts and sporting events, and I want to watch and/or listen. However, so often, others just want to talk. I need a polite way to ask them to leave me alone so I can watch and enjoy the event. Any ideas?  
— **Here for the Band**

**Dear Band:** It's probably easiest to address this beforehand. If you're going with a group, or even with a friend or two, tell them in advance, "I'm really excited about this event. I know sometimes the group can get into conversation at things like this. But I like to focus. So, don't think I'm being rude if I don't participate."

What you're looking to do is just reset an expectation. It sounds like the people you go with expect concerts and sporting events to be opportunities for social connection. And for a lot of people, that's what they are. But you're not alone in wanting to pay attention only to what's happening on stage or on the field. Your friends may not notice this or may think that you can easily switch from watching mode to conversation mode. So, cluing them in about this part of you will help them and you.

If they slip up and try to engage you, offer a reminder. "Remember, I'm really into the concert. But don't let me stop you from having fun. I'll catch up on the conversation afterward. And I'll catch you up on the set list."

**Dear Eric:** I am married to a wonderful woman who is a fixer of things. It's not either of our first marriages and we have a large, blended family of

adult children, some with spouses and children, that generally gets along well.

One of her kids brought up the idea of a family beach vacation. There is a group chat with her children that I have not seen, but when my wife was talking to one of the kids it became apparent that the group isn't going to invite my children.

At first, I thought this was a problem but the more I think about it, I believe it's a bit of nostalgia for their childhood trips that also acknowledges there are more people now involved by bringing spouses and children but still feeling like it's their core sibling group.

I think my issue is with my wife. She received this news as a slight and presented it to me that way which originally led me down that path. She then offered her ideas to mitigate the issue which also reinforced the idea of a slight. Her idea is to have a separate trip with my kids and maybe invite some other family as well. The more I think about it, a separate trip would seem to reinforce the idea of a rift.

I believe she is trying to insert herself and make an issue where I don't think there is one. How do I get her to allow me to think through this issue, or future issues, without offering ways to fix it? Or am I just trying to keep the peace by not pushing for my kids to be included?  
— **Slightly Confused Dad**

**Dear Dad:** Sometimes fixers see a mess far down the path and they rush ahead, broom in hand, to try to get it cleaned up before anyone else reaches it. But what they fail to understand is that what may seem like a mess from afar, can be just fine by the time you reach it. Or might never have been a mess to begin with. She's trying to manage your feelings and those of your kids when she would be more successful asking you your feelings and then listening to them.

People who are fixers often think that everyone else's emotions are their responsibility. This can be a real challenge. But, in turn, it's not your responsibility to fix this for her.

Instead, tell her clearly what you're feeling: "I don't see this as a problem, and I would strongly prefer that we stay out of it. It's kind of you to think of my kids, but this solution is creating tension for me, and I believe it will cast your kids' trip in a light that does more harm than good." Then ask her if she can respect the way you feel.

Respect opens up a lot of doors. You then can ask her to say more about how she feels and tell her that you respect that as well. All your children are adults and adults should be entrusted with managing their own feelings and having conversations when those feelings are hurt (this doesn't always happen, but it's possible.) Ask her to compromise by letting your children handle this on their own. If they need her to fix it, they'll ask.

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# New jobs report shows worst August job gains since 2010

## Wire report

The United States added only 22,000 jobs in August, and previously reported gains in June were revised down to a loss of 13,000 jobs in a Bureau of Labor Statistics report.

The August jobs increase was the lowest for that month since 2010 in the aftermath of the Great Recession. June's decrease was the first jobs loss since a December 2020 COVID-19

surge shuttered restaurants and hotels.

A recent analysis showed that Virginia and New Jersey may be among the states most affected by recent hiring slowdowns, based on surveys and layoff reports, while California and Texas appeared to continue job gains.

Job openings fell to a 10-month low in July, according to a separate government report issued Sept. 3, and there were more unemployed people than jobs available for the first time since 2021.

Last month's revisions to the jobs report enraged President Donald Trump when they first appeared Aug. 1. The revisions showed the nation had 258,000 fewer jobs than initially reported in May and June.

In response, Trump declared the numbers were wrong, fired the Bureau of Labor Statistics chief, Erika McEntarfer. He offered as a replacement E.J. Antoni, a loyalist who has proposed suspending the jobs report entirely.

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## SPORTS

## Senior QB leads Bobcats to victory

Kyle Belanger

Sports correspondent

Basehor-Linwood High School senior quarterback Carson Dixon was the picture of efficiency, connecting on 72% of his passes for three touchdowns and no interceptions as his Bobcats claimed a 42-21 victory over Leavenworth High School in the teams' United Kansas Conference season opener Friday at Pioneer Stadium.

Wide receiver Nash Morrison was Dixon's top target on the night, hauling in six catches for 94 yards and a score, while Nate Martin added five receptions for 58 yards and a touchdown.

According to Dixon, his two senior wideouts hone their skills to create opportunities for the team to succeed.

"They put in a lot of work on the routes and getting off clean. I like to say that I'm just the guy who gets to get our playmakers the ball," he said. "They do such a good job with their routes and just getting open for us."

Dixon's counterpart, Leavenworth senior signal caller Braden Bridger, was also impressive on the evening, completing 12 of 20 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown.

The game's fireworks began early as the Bobcats completed an 11-play, 73-yard opening drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Peter Rodriguez. Colin Zimbelman booted the extra point and the Bobcats took a 7-0 lead with 7:27 remaining in the opening frame.

Rodriguez finished the night with 13 carries for 48 yards and one score. The junior also caught one pass for 12 yards and a touchdown.

The ensuing 26 seconds of action were electric.

Leavenworth responded right away as Trey Brockington took his team's initial handoff on the left side of the line, ducking through an attempted arm tackle and outracing everyone 80 yards to pay dirt. The conversion pass failed, but the Pioneers eked to within one, 7-6, with 7:13 on the clock.

Brockington was Leavenworth's rushing leader with eight carries for 103 yards and one touchdown.

Not to be outshone, Martin responded seconds later for Basehor, returning the kickoff 85 yards back the other way for yet another score. Another Zimbelman point-after was good, and the Bobcats regained momentum and a 14-6 advantage with 7:01 left in the first.

It was at this point that Basehor began to hit its stride.

"You can tell when we get in our rhythm because you see guys doing their jobs, and we are moving the ball down the field. Nobody's getting heated, it's just all flowing and we are all working together," Dixon said.

The Pioneers used their physicality to tie the game in the second quarter.

Bridger hit Christian Smith-Howard for an 11-yard touchdown strike in which the receiver took to the air to extend the ball over the goal line



Basehor-Linwood's Carson Dixon dashes through the line early in the first quarter of Friday's game at Pioneer Stadium. Peggy Bair



Leavenworth's Trey Brockington breaks away from Basehor-Linwood's defense early in the first quarter to score an 80-yard touchdown.

for the score with 11:11 on the clock. Frankie Giamalva ran in the 2-point conversion, and the score was knotted at 14-14.

Leavenworth's 13-play, 65-yard drive ate up 7 minutes, 50 seconds of the clock.

From there, though, it was all Basehor, as Dixon and Gavin Mitchell began flexing their muscles in the running game. Mitchell led the game with 118 yards on 18 carries, including scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 6:38 remaining in the first half. Zimbelman (6-for-6 extra points) converted yet another point-after attempt, as the Bobcats grabbed the 21-14 lead — an advantage they would never relinquish.

Dixon added 41 yards of his own on 11 carries.

"I'm definitely looking for it more," he said.

"Leavenworth is a really physical team, but I'm getting more comfortable (pulling it down and running). I'm just really proud of my line for blocking for me and giving me those opportunities."

After Martin and Morrison hit pay dirt for consecutive Basehor scores to lift the visitors to the 35-14 advantage, Giamalva tallied his first touchdown of the year on a 3-yard rush out of the wildcat formation with 10:24 left in the game. Elijah Waters booted home the extra point, to bring the Pioneers within two scores, 35-21.

Both teams are back in action Friday when Basehor hosts Piper High School and Leavenworth heads to Lansing High School for an early-season rivalry showdown.