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As of Tuesday, Ellsworth County had no active cases of COVID-19. On a scale with blue as the lowest and red the highest, Ellsworth County continues in the blue zone, according to the local health department.



Ross Janssen's Weather
May 19 to May 25

WEDNESDAY 75/59

Chance of showers/storms

THURSDAY 77/62

Mostly cloudy

FRIDAY 78/62

Partly cloudy; breezy

SATURDAY 78/63

Mostly cloudy

SUNDAY 80/62

Mostly cloudy; breezy

MONDAY 82/63

Partly cloudy

TUESDAY 84/64

Chance of storms



At left, Wilson High School senior Dylan Crawford hugs his dad, Tony.

Below, Wilson High School seniors Garrett Thielen, Kamdyn Thrasher and Cooper Weinhold chat quietly during the graduation ceremony Saturday in the school gym.



Caps off to the Class of 2021

Photos and story by ALAN RUSCH and LORI FARMER



Central Plains High School senior Tyler Holmes, center, shares a laugh with his classmates Sunday afternoon during the annual Central Plains High School graduation ceremony in Claffin.

Wilson, Central Plains finish unique senior year

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

The solemn notes of Pomp and Circumstance were in the air again this weekend in both Wilson and Claffin as the Class of 2021 closed one chapter of their lives and began another.

Wilson High School

The 13 members of the Wilson High School Class of 2021 received their diplomas during a graduation ceremony in the school gym Saturday morning.

Cooper Weinhold, the class valedictorian, likened the journey he and his classmates have been on for the past 13 years to a roller coaster.

"Some of us will go straight into the

workforce after graduation while others will pursue a college degree," he said. "Regardless of the path, we will all continue to experience the roller coaster of life. There will be many successes and failures along the way with those moments of pure happiness at the top. That's the process."

"Surrounded by those who love us, we close the final chapter of our childhood. We are not kids playing on the playground anymore. We are men and women ready to set the world ablaze."

Callie Zink
Class of 2021

After they graduate, the Wilson Class of 2021 will all board their own separate roller coasters, Weinhold said.

"A few of you will want slower-paced, predictable rides," he said. "Many will continue to get on life's most challeng-

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Lawmakers to talk about recent session

The public is invited to a legislative coffee at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Ellsworth Steak House.

Speakers will be Sen. Richard Wilborn, R-McPherson, and Rep. Steven Johnson, R-Assaria. The two will discuss the recent 2021 session of the Kansas Legislature. A question and answer session will follow their remarks.

The coffee is sponsored by the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter and the Ellsworth County Farm Bureau.

Wilborn, who represents the 35th District in the Kansas senate, moved into a leadership role this year as the body's vice president. Johnson recently announced he plans to seek the job of Kansas treasurer.



Wilborn



Johnson

Spachek receives academic recognition from Gov. Kelly

Jonathan Spachek of Ellsworth High School has been recognized by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly as a 2021 Kansas Governor's Scholar.

Typically, students receiving this recognition are invited to an awards program in Topeka. But due to continuing public health precautions, the 2021 Governor's Scholars are being recognized via an on-demand virtual program, <http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/Videos/GovernorScholarsVirtualProgram.mp4>. Students also will receive a letter from Gov. Kelly and a certificate.

This award recognizes and honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private Kansas schools.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their students and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Gov. Kelly said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."



Spachek

I/R Calendar

FRIDAY, MAY 21

SUMMER'S HERE: Last day of the 2020-21 school year for USD 112.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

SESSION REVIEW: Sen. Rick Wilborn, R-McPherson, and Rep. Steven Johnson, R-Assaria, are at the Ellsworth Steak House at 9 a.m. for a legislative coffee following the 2021 session of the Kansas Legislature.

CELEBRATION: LegionFest offers food, music, games and other activities from 10 a.m. to noon in the lot adjacent to Ellsworth American Legion building. No admission fee; free will donation. Information: Post Commander Jason Hicks, (785) 810-8291.

MUSIC: Singer Jake Gill performs from 7 to 8 p.m. on the patio of Wilson's Midland Railroad Hotel.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

CONGRATULATIONS! Ellsworth seniors graduate at 2 p.m. in the EJSHS gymnasium.

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

CITY BUSINESS: The Wilson City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER: Today is the final day of classes for students in the Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo School District.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

ELLSWORTH AMERICAN LEGION MEETING: Members of the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174 meet at 7 p.m. at the post home in Ellsworth.

HELP AVAILABLE: A VA representative is available from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth American Legion building to answer veteran questions.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce conducts a ribbon cutting ceremony from 9 to 10 a.m. at the new office of Ellsworth County Economic Development, 107 W. 2nd St.

MORE BUSINESS NEWS: The Ellsworth Chamber also plans a ribbon cutting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. to celebrate the opening of Game On, 108 E. 1st St.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

WELCOME HOME: The Wilson Alumni Banquet begins at 5 p.m. with a social and meal at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Center. Ticket deadline is May 22 and may be purchased for \$22 at Wilson State Bank and Amy's Accounting. Or by mail to Kenny Branda, PO Box 418, Wilson, Kan. 67490.

MONDAY, MAY 31

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 7 p.m. at city hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

FILING DEADLINE: Noon today is the deadline to file for the position of mayor and two open seats on the Wilson City Council. Forms are available in the city clerk's office of the Ellsworth County Courthouse or at Wilson City Hall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

VACCINATION CLINIC: The Ellsworth County Health Department, in conjunction with the Ellsworth County Medical Center, hosts a COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon in the main parking lot at ECMC by the clinic. All three vaccinations, Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson, will be offered to appropriate age groups. No appointment is necessary.

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I/R Obituaries

Lloyd William Haase

(1927-2020)

Lloyd William Haase, 92, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, in Ellsworth, Kan.

Memorial funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2021, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, north Ellsworth, with military honors following in the church cemetery.

Suggested memorials are to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Ellsworth VFW Post 6485, or Ellsworth American Legion Post 174, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences can be made at www.parsonsfh.com.

Pauline Rose Masopust

(1926-2021)

Pauline Rose Masopust, 95, passed away Friday, May 14, 2021 in Wilson, Kan. She was born March 5, 1926 in Ellsworth County, Kan. to Frank and Matilda (Yindra) Harbacek.

Pauline was a longtime resident of Ellsworth where she married Alfred J. Masopust on April 1, 1943. She was a member of the Ellsworth VFW Post 6485.

Pauline is survived by two nieces, one nephew, one grandniece, two great-grandnephews, and one great-great-grandnephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Alfred; five sisters; and three brothers.

Graveside funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Ellsworth Cemetery.

Cards can be sent to Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com.



Larry Dale Slaughter

(1936-2021)

Larry Dale Slaughter, 84, went to be with the Lord on May 11, 2021 at Mercy Hospice after an injury from a fall. He was born Aug. 5, 1936 in Ellsworth, Kan., to Gerald and Helen (Kasper) Slaughter.

Larry grew up on a farm near Ellsworth. He graduated from Ellsworth High School then attended Brown Mackie Business School, graduating with an associate degree. He served in the United States Army for six years and then worked at Farmland Industries for 40 years. He was a devout husband to Connie (Morgan) Slaughter, married on Jan. 9, 1982.



Mr. Slaughter

He was a strong Christian and brought many people to the Lord, not only with his verbal testament of faith but by his Christ-like actions and love. He was a member and Stephen Ministry leader at several churches in cities where he lived, including Christ Lutheran (Overland Park, Kan.), First Christian (Kimberling City, Mo.), and Lutheran Church of Hope (Grimes, Iowa). He was also a hospice volunteer and an organ donor after life, potentially blessing 50-70 more people. Everyone he came in contact with loved Larry and his smile.

He was a dedicated father and husband, supporting his kids and grandkids in all their activities. He also loved to boat and teach many how to water ski at Table Rock Lake. He was a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, UNI Panthers, and KU Jayhawks. We know he will continue to watch and cheer us on from heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; son, Justin (Kim) Slaughter of Lorraine, Kan.; stepdaughter, Shannon (Tony) Wieland of West Des Moines Iowa; son-in-law, Russ Willoughby of Overland Park, Kan.; granddaughter, Jordan (JD) Jones of Kansas City, Mo.; grandkids, Kaelyn and Will Wieland of West Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Lola (Wally) Fair and Lois Shaw of Salina, Kan.; mother-in-law, Alyce Morgan of Shelby, Neb.; in-laws, Gloria Perry, Peg and Drew Hopwood, Mike and Kris Morgan, and Pat and LuAnn Morgan, plus many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Terry Willoughby; brothers-in-law Chet Shaw and Rick Perry, and father-in-law Bill Morgan.

Services will be held Friday, May 28. Burial will be at Iowa Veterans Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. with a Celebration of Life at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines at 11 a.m., followed by a visitation at 12 p.m. The service will be livestreamed at https://hopeonline.tv/special events.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in his name to Mercy Hospice, Iowa Donor Network and Lutheran Church of Hope - Grimes. Donations can be sent to the family of Larry Slaughter, 10270 Coventry Circle, Johnston, Iowa, 50131.

Wilson Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Social - 5 p.m. - Meal - 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Parish Center

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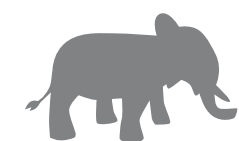


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Summer Activities FOR FITNESS AND FUN

Summer is the time to get outside and get moving!

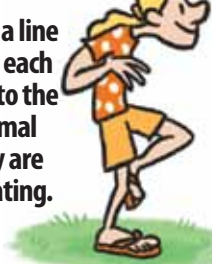


Animal Charades

This is a great game for two or more. One person says the name of the animal and the other person starts moving around and making sounds like that animal. When the laughter starts to slow down, the person acting as an animal gets to yell out an animal name for the other person to imitate.



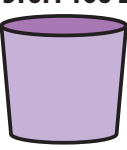
Draw a line from each child to the animal they are imitating.



Super Sponge Splash Zone

Win or lose, everyone winds up soaked in this game for three or more players.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



- One person holds an empty bucket and stands about 10 feet apart from the other players.
- Players toss water-soaked sponges towards the player holding the bucket.
- If the player with the bucket catches one of the sponges in the bucket, the person who tossed that sponge becomes the bucket holder.

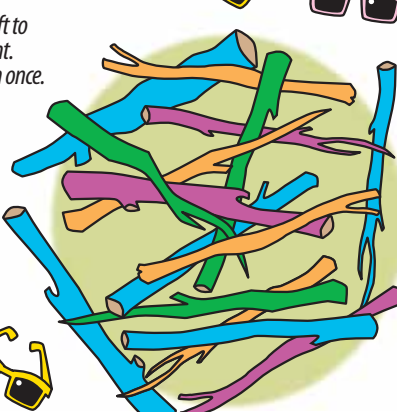
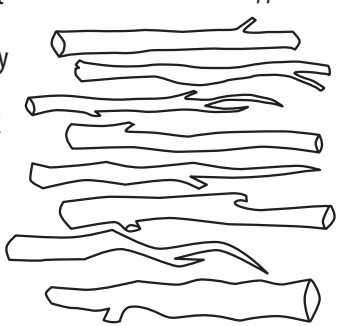


How many sunglasses can you find on this page?

Make and Play Giant Pick-Up Sticks

Look outside for some sticks about two feet (60 cm) or longer. Paint the sticks different colors. Toss the sticks into a pile and then try to pick them up one at a time. If you play with another person, you each have to pick up sticks without moving any stick except the one you are picking up. A player loses their turn if they cause another stick to move. Give each color stick a different number of points. See who can pick up sticks that add up to the most points.

Draw a line from each stick on the left to its exact twin in the pile on the right. NOTE: Each stick can appear more than once.



Extra! Extra! Newspaper Baseball

Wad up a newspaper page and wrap it with tape to make a ball. Roll up several pages into a long roll and wrap with tape. Use the newspaper "bat" to hit the newspaper "baseball."

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Water Balloon Piñata

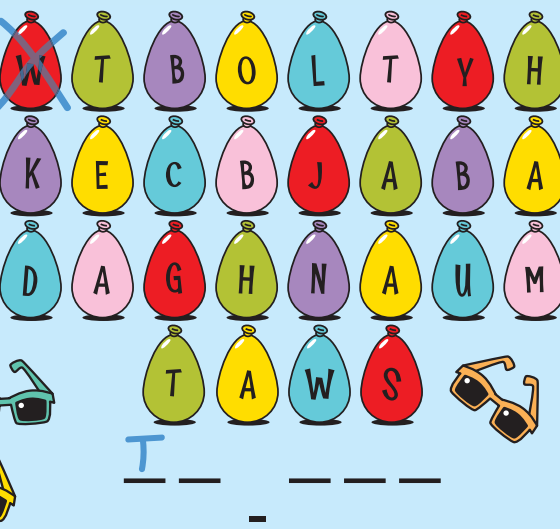
Skip the unhealthy sweets and try a piñata that can cool you down on a hot day!



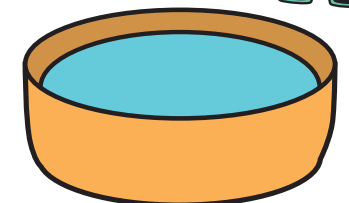
- String a bunch of water balloons in the yard between two trees. The water balloons are your piñata!
- Take turns with a friend or brother or sister or cousin—someone you like to be with and swing a plastic bat or a large stick at the piñata. A wrapping paper tube would work as well.
- EXTRA CHALLENGE:** Blindfold the hitter!

Where do sheep go for summer vacation?

Just pop (cross out) every other water balloon below to reveal the answer.

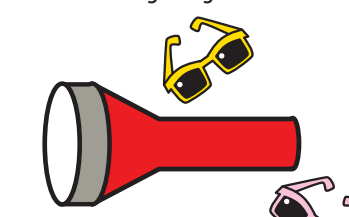


Summertime is a great time to get some exercise while also having fun with family and friends. Try these outdoor games this summer.



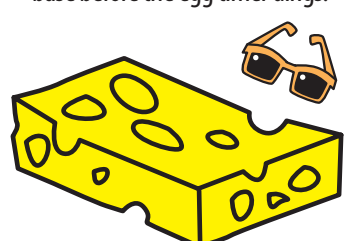
Water Balance Dance

Crank up your favorite music and dance while holding a plastic bowl filled with water over your head. Can you dance through the whole song without getting soaked?



Flashlight Tag

Start an egg timer at 5 minutes. The person who is "it" has a flashlight but must close their eyes and count to 30 while everyone hides. While standing in place (base), the person who is "it" must try to spotlight those hiding. And those hiding must make it back to base before the egg timer dings.



Sponge Volleyball

Make a clothesline between two trees with a rope. Hang a plastic tarp over the rope so that each team of 3 or more players can't see the team on the other side of the tarp. Each player has a bucket of water and some sponges. Three, two, one... GO! Every player starts tossing sponges over the net towards the other team, while the other team does the same. First side to have no sponges left on their side of the "net" wins one point. Repeat. Which team can earn 10 points first? Still dry? How about 20?

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: IMITATE
The verb **imitate** means to copy exactly or mimic.

Sebastian could **imitate** his father's voice.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

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



Double Double Word Search

- ACTIVITIES
- BLINDFOLD
- CHARADES
- FITNESS
- SPLASH
- STICKS
- PINATA
- ACTING
- GIANT
- WATER
- COLOR
- ZONE
- PICK
- YARD
- FUN

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



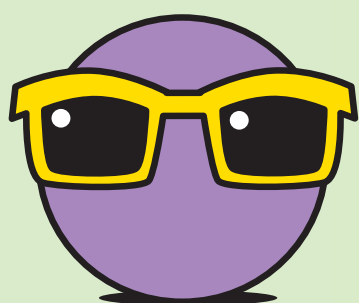
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Exercise Your Brain

Look through the newspaper for five numbers that add up to exactly 100. Then look for five numbers that add up to exactly 1,000. Have a friend or family member try, too.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums up to 1,000.



What is round, purple, and wears sunglasses?

ANSWER: A grape on vacation!

Write On!

Cutest Animal in the World

Which animal do you think is the cutest animal in the world? Why? Write a paragraph to convince other children of your opinion.

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Wilson in search of police chief; goats also on city agenda

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

WILSON — The Wilson City Council accepted the resignation of Police Chief Josh Tipton Monday, after returning from a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with city attorney Theresa Staudinger.

Tipton's tenure as police chief will end May 31. "We will be looking at possibly using Officer Tipton on a part-time basis," said Mayor Mike Peschka. "We haven't quite got the details worked out, but we might be looking at that."

Peschka told Tipton he appreciated his service to the City of Wilson.

"I hate to see you leave," Peschka said. "I know you are moving on to bigger and better things and I fully support that."

Tipton and his family intend to remain in Wilson and be involved in the community.

"It was a tough decision, but I'm just thankful for the opportunities," Tipton said. "But as the mayor mentioned, I will continue to serve in other ways within the community and if there is anything I can do to help the city or the police department, please do not hesitate to let me know."

In other business:

• The council requested a more detailed proposal of council member David Criswell's plans after he requested the council provide a waiver for an animal permit.

His plans call for the purchase of two Nigerian goats, which are half the size of regular goats and provide milk. He plans to breed them for resale.

Criswell expects to keep the goats on property he owns across the street south of Wilson Foods. The property extends further to the west and south. Criswell said he plans on having the goats at the far west end of the property to start with, not directly across from Wilson Foods.

"I think it will bring tourists to town," Criswell said. "That is definitely my intention."

He noted the business will not be like a feedlot, but

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From our Readers

National Poppy Day is May 28

"In Flander's Field Poppies Grow"

May 28 is National Poppy Day. Many people do not know why The American Legion Auxillary hands out poppies. It traces back to 1918 in memory of the lives lost in World War I. After the battles were fought in the war, the red poppy flourished in France and Belgium where battlefields became burial grounds. The red flowers suddenly bloomed among the graves of fallen service members.

Surviving soldiers came to see the poppy as a symbol of their sacrifice.

We still want to pay tribute to all who served in our military and especially those who fought and died for our freedom. That is why Saturday, May 29, the American Legion Auxillary and their helpers will put out poppy cans and distribute poppies around town in exchange for donations in honor of our fallen service members and US Veterans. All donations go directly to help veterans.

Thank you,
Jessie Kralik, Chaplain
American Legion Auxillary

Protect Title 9 from unfair competition

Dear Editor

What is wrong with the lawmakers of Kansas?

First, the governor mandates a law which allows a male who thinks he is a female to compete in athletic events with the female athletes.

Then the Kansas legislature voted to overturn the law and the Governor vetoed it, but the Kansas legislature failed to override her veto.

Imagine a seven-foot male in a basketball game with a 5-foot female. Or, a 250-pound male discus thrower throwing against a 130-pound female thrower.

Remember Title Nine which allowed females to compete? This trans-gender 'thing' will make shambles of that law. Even Ms. Jenner said the law is unfair.

Bruce Siemsen
Holyrood

There's Always Something Worse...



Bob Dole and leadership

Return for a moment to those halcyon political years when Republicans actually had a philosophy and when Kansas actually had a U.S. Senator who was concerned about — and worked for — Kansas people.

It was a time when a Republican U.S. Senator counted Black citizens as friends and worked to expand their rights.

Former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas is a widely respected elder statesman. He is beloved by Republicans. Yet, Dole today could not be elected to any office in Kansas, even county attorney in his hometown of Russell.

His career is a tale of just how far Republicans have moved to the radical right and how dark the GOP has become.

Take civil rights. Building on Donald Trump's Big Lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen (it



Leroy Towns

Others Say

wasn't), Republicans in at least 47 states have introduced nearly 400 bills that suppress the ability of Americans — especially minority voters — to cast ballots.

In Kansas, the Legislature passed election bills viewed as suppressing voter rights after overriding a veto by Gov. Laura Kelly.

Given Dole's storied career, his friendship and association with Leroy Tombs of Bonner Springs is often overlooked. Tombs was a prominent Wyandotte County businessman and Black civic leader. He also was a Republican ally of Senator Dole. When Tombs died in 2006, Dole said: "Leroy was a longtime friend and supporter of mine. I

can't recall ever seeing Leroy when he was not smiling with a twinkle in his eye. We've lost a good man."

Tombs was a regular at GOP Kansas Day activities where I became acquainted with him. On more than one occasion, Topeka's Ramada Inn would confuse our last names and book us into the same room. While we waited for it to be sorted out, we would talk politics. He was effusive about Republicans and downright passionate about Dole.

In 2004, Tombs was interviewed for an oral history by the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. He recalled the beginnings of his friendship with Dole:

"When I first met him, (he was) just bright eyed and (there) wasn't much difference between our ages. I was fascinated with Bob Dole. When I heard him say let's be

more inclusive, let's open up the base, broaden the base, those are the kind of things I liked."

The association between Tombs and Dole caught the eye of national civil rights leaders hoping to pass a voting rights bill.

"So, the Black Caucus asked me if I would talk to Bob Dole about that," said Tombs.

He asked Dole for his support. The senator's response, perhaps astounding at the time, would be unthinkable from a Republican today.

"Bob took a look at the voters' rights bill and said, 'Leroy, I don't know how you feel about it, but I'm embarrassed that you would need a voters' rights bill. I am going to write one. ...' The Black Caucus had one I think for five or 10 years. Bob wrote one for the maximum, 25 years."

Dole supported both

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The Desperate Life

In May of 1868 the Kansas Pacific Railway had yet to reach the border with Colorado. The frontier towns of Ellsworth and Hays City drew rough crowds of men and women with little regard for law and order.

The Junction City Weekly Union printed a Hays City eyewitness account that noted that, "shooting at each other is the standard amusement of the lively population, four persons having been shot in a single week, recently; might is right, and the revolver is the court of first and last appeal."

All was quiet in Kansas with the plains tribes due to the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty the previous fall of 1867. Even so, residents of Hays City and Ellsworth were calling for Gov. Crawford to raise an Indian fighting militia to support the limited force of soldiers at frontier military posts. In the midst of the



'Cowboy' Jim Gray
The Way West

wild atmosphere in the towns and camps on the Kansas frontier, citizens were regularly troubled by horse thieves. Gangs of thieves were known to inhabit the isolated unsettled regions where they could operate to a great extent beyond the law.

The editor of the Hays City Railway Advance noted that the country was "infested by a band of renegade white men and Indians, who plunder and murder all who are unfortunate enough to fall into their clutches."

There are many accounts relating to the theft of horses. The May 20, 1868, Lawrence Daily Kansas Tribune chronicled an interesting story in their "State News" column. The story began with a

report of the theft of "two valuable horses" owned by Mr. John E. Green, a few miles west of Salina, Kansas, on May 6, 1868. The thieves stopped to help themselves to some food in the kitchen before taking the horses that had been left tied to a stand near the house.

Two more horses were stolen from Evander Light the next night. Light lived five miles west of Salina where he maintained, among his many business ventures, a timber business cutting ties from stands of timber for railroad construction.

Constable E. H. Eames had received intelligence that the thieves were traveling north toward Ottawa County the following week. On Thursday, May 14, he set out in that direction raising a posse from the settlers as he went.

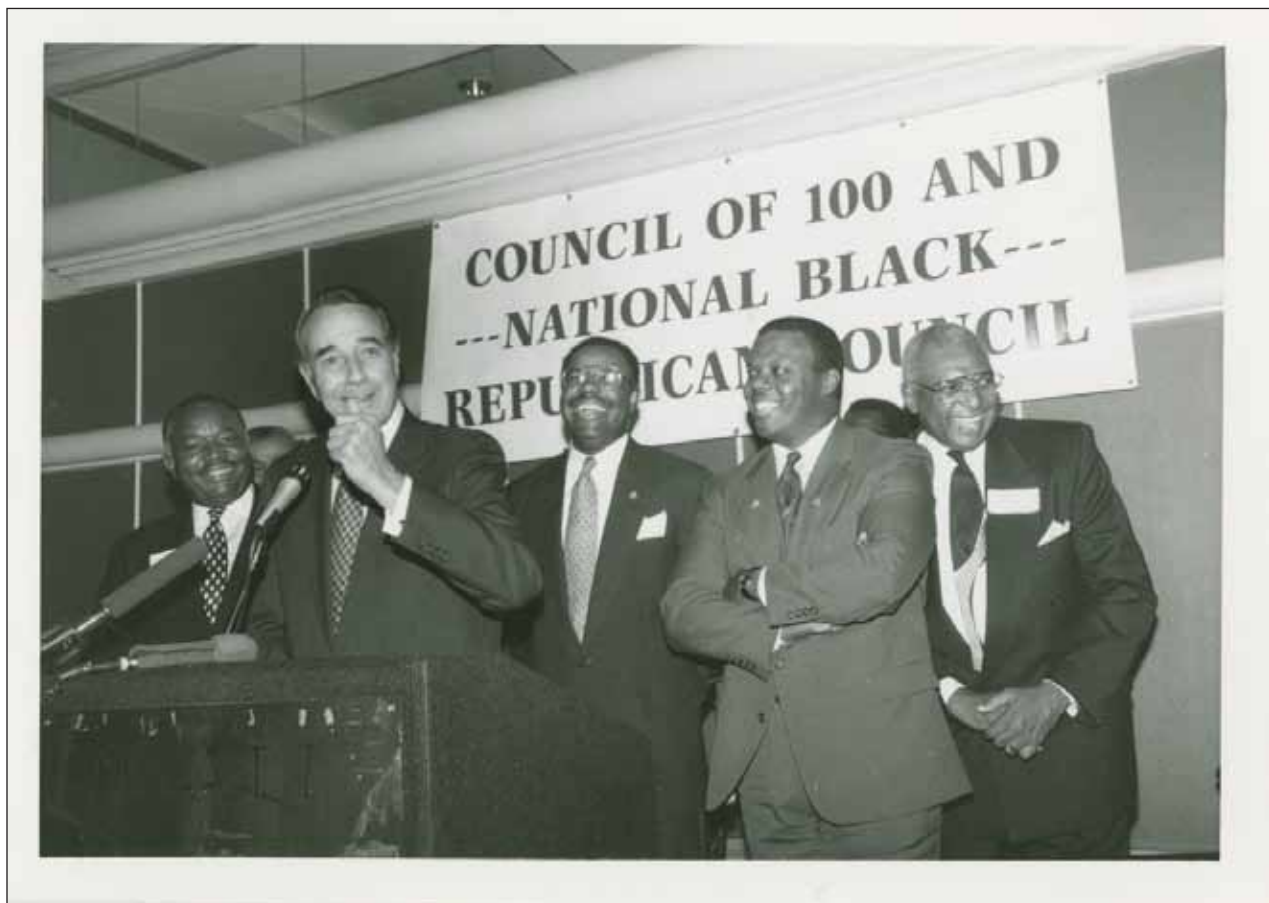
Early the morning of the 15th the posse caught up to Charles

Smith in Lincoln County. Smith claimed to be out hunting buffalo. Unfortunately for Smith, the bay horse he was riding was one of those stolen the week before. Smith was released but the horse was taken by the constable and his posse.

Continuing the pursuit two riders were spotted and identified as James King and Charles Demorest. Having a head start on the posse the outlaws gave the posse a lively 15-mile chase. King and Demorest, known as notorious horse thieves, had the advantage with fresh horses. The posse exchanged shots with the outlaws, but having covered many miles that morning the posse's horses soon fell behind.

The shots were overheard by a passing band of Arapahos led by Greywolf, who maintained friendly relations on the frontier. They

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U.S. Sen. Bob Dole at a meeting with the Council of 100 and the National Black Republican Council in 1995. (Robert and Elizabeth Dole Archive and Special Collections, Dole Institute of Politics)

Dole

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the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"Although many of his constituents were vehemently opposed to both of those bills, Dole considers them to be two of the most important votes of his political career," according to the Dole Institute.

Dole also co-sponsored the Voting Rights Act extension of 1982, which provided a 25-year renewal of the original legislation and strengthened prohibitions against voting discrimination based on race.

In his presidential campaign, Dole emphasized his civil rights record that included the

Americans with Disabilities Act. But in 1996, Republicans were mostly uninterested in civil rights, a disinterest that has evolved today into downright hostility.

In fact, the defining test of being a Republican today is loyalty to Trump's election lie and a pledge to curtail voting rights of minority Americans.

As CNN recently put it, the "GOP of Cheney, Bush and Romney feels like ancient history."

Leroy Tombs, whose Republican senator once told him, "I'm embarrassed that you would need a voters' rights bill," no doubt would agree.

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are affected by public policies or excluded from public debate. Find information, including how to submit your own commentary.

Leroy Towns worked as a reporter for the Topeka Capital-Journal and the Kansas Harris Newspapers. He served as press secretary to Kansas Governor Robert Bennett and as chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts. He is a professor of the practice emeritus at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he taught political reporting and political communication. A graduate of Kansas State University and the George Washington University, he is retired and splits his time between Manhattan, Kansas, and Florida.

Gray

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approached just as the posse had given up the chase. When informed of the situation, three of the Arapahos started after the thieves.

The Salina Herald reported that the Indians rode good horses, and "it is supposed they caught up with and killed the thieves" as there was no further communication with the Arapahos. The thefts in Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa, and Saline counties were well organized, suggesting that a syndicate of thieves were operating in the area. The editor of the Herald called for the organization of a vigilance committee to deal with the thieves.

As for the fate of King and Demorest, we learned that they apparently survived the Arapahos. In September James King was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for grand larceny and another year for "breaking jail and escape." King was raised at Emporia and had been in trouble since he stole a pony "as a mere youth."

James King may have thought he was down on his luck at the time. Hopefully, he learned his lesson while being stowed away behind bars. The vigilante justice that the editor of the Herald called for became the standard remedy to the loss of horses across the state of Kansas. The desperate life of stealing horses very often led to a short life. Many of King's saddle pals literally came to the end of their rope following their chosen profession on The Way West.

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Meter reader on city's purchase list

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

The automated metering infrastructure installation project planned by the City of Ellsworth is a go.

At the May 11 meeting of the Ellsworth City Council, authorization was given to an expenditure of \$92,000 to Suez for the project, which reads water usage and is more user friendly to city employees, when funds from the American Rescue Plan are received from the federal government.

Rusty Varnado, city administrator, said Ellsworth expects to receive \$414,000 under the plan. That expenditure will be part of that. Varnado said Suez will do the installation, not city employees as originally planned.

In other business:

- The council adopted Resolution 21-0311, issuing 2021 general obligation bonds to pay off 2019 temp note for city infrastructure projects. The total is \$3,280,000.

- Jon Halbgewachs of Kirkham Michael & Associates reviewed several project updates with the council, including the Eighth Street project. He noted a ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 14.

Other projects include the neighborhood multi use path. He said Kirkham Michael is working on right-of-way and temporary construction easement acquisition. Plans were sent to utility companies on April 7. He anticipates the Kansas Department of Transportation will bid the project in this fall.

- Carol Kratzer and her husband, John, introduced Keren, the Immanuel Lutheran Church's comfort dog, to the council. Keren is a two-year-old Golden Retriever. She is the first of her kind in Kansas and one of just 130 dogs in the nation. While the Kratzers are Keren's primary care givers, she has a total of nine handlers. A secondary care giver takes Keren on the weekends.

- Approval was given to a request by Brent Herlan to have a fireworks stand at 512 Webb Street.

The next meeting of the Ellsworth City Council will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at city hall.

Zvolanek is new member of Kanopolis City Council

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

KANOPOLIS — James Zvolanek was sworn in as the newest member of the Kanopolis City Council May 11, during the monthly meeting at Kanopolis City Hall.

Zvolanek succeeds Pat Perez, who resigned.

In other business:

- City clerk Debbie Kralik said she has not received any updates from engineer Thaniel Monaco of BG Consultants on the water project. She did receive three invoices for the preliminary design phase.

- City employee Mike Bunch received a letter from Doug Guenther of the Kansas Rural Water Association, stating the new water well system is overly complicated. He also thinks the new system will fail again and the compo-

nents used will be expensive to replace. He also doesn't think the new system will pass Division of Water Resources inspection. Mayor Anthony Hopkins asked Kralik to e-mail the letter to Monaco for review.

- Kralik said she received a phone call regarding the property at 220 N. Colorado. She was told the property owners were starting to work on the property but got a flat tire on their truck. Then their mower broke down and parts had to be ordered. Council members Tom Wilkinson and Jim Zvolanek said that all the property owners did was move a few items, but no progress was really made.

- Kralik said Kanopolis Police Chief Jeff Weigel gave her two more letters to mail to Bill Weaver and Peter Eck.

- Hopkins asked about the prop-

erty at N. Iowa. Kralik said the letter mailed last year was returned unclaimed. Hopkins would like Chief Weigel to hand deliver a letter to the owner.

- After a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel (annual pay raises), three extra vacation days were approved for Mike Bunch and Debbie Kralik. Aaron Burwell was given a \$400 bonus in lieu of a financial increase and Jess Oplinger was raised to \$14 per hour.

- Kralik said she has not received updated insurance quotes. Hopkins said a special meeting will be scheduled to approve payment when they are received.

- Sam Paull will start platting at the city cemetery at a cost of \$300 per block. Hopkins would like to meet with Paull and Bunch to discuss the project.

EARLY DEADLINES
For the Memorial Day Holiday are as follows:

News: Wednesday, May 26th - Noon

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From left, Rusty Varnado, Ellsworth City administrator; Mayor Mark Kennedy, and Lindsey Douglas, Kansas Department of Transportation deputy secretary, cut a ribbon Friday afternoon marking the completion of the Eighth Street resurfacing project.

Officials celebrate completion of Ellsworth's 8th Street project

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

Cloudy skies didn't dampen the festive mood Friday, as officials from the City of Ellsworth, Kirkham Michael & Associates and the Kansas Department of Transportation and Great Plains Manufacturing celebrated the rededication of Eighth Street in Ellsworth after a lengthy resurfacing project.

"I really think this is truly a really exciting time here in Ellsworth, just with the amount of projects, the volume of projects, the size of those projects and what that's going to do for our community," said Mayor Mark Kennedy.

Kennedy said the \$963,000 project couldn't have been a viable project for the community without KDOT and the cost share program.

"They (the cost share programs

which KDOT offers) are a great opportunity for Ellsworth and other communities our size to help with our infrastructure, to improve the current things we already have," he added.

The KDOT cost share program is reimbursing the city \$608,932 of the construction cost.

Kennedy thanked all those businesses that collectively helped this

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IN BRIEF

ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY

Grain prices mixed for the week

Prices paid for grain at the Ellsworth Co-op at the end of the business day, Monday, May 17, were:

Wheat, bu. — \$6.22, down 52 cents from May 10.

Milo, bu. — \$6.43, down 59 cents.

Soybeans, bu. — \$15.13, up 20 cents.

Corn, bu. — \$6.33, down 99 cents.

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

Wilson discusses police chief job

The police chief's job was the focus of a May 12 brief special meeting of the Wilson City Council. After the meeting was called to order, the council went into a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. City attorney Theresa Staudinger attended the executive session along with the council and Mayor Mike Peschka. No action was taken upon return to open session, however. Police Chief Joshua Tipton made no comment.

Ellsworth set annual appointments

At the May 11 Ellsworth City Council meeting, Mayor Mark Kennedy made the following appointments for 2021:

- Brittany Rohr, city clerk;
- Angela Mueller, city treasurer;
- Patrick Hoffman, city attorney;
- Melissa Miller, assistant city attorney;
- The Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter, city newspaper;
- Citizens State Bank and Trust Company, Inc., city depository;
- Peggy Svaty, municipal judge;
- Emil Halfhill, police chief.

Wilson Sons to have flag ceremony

The Wilson Sons of the American Legion Squadron 262 will conduct a ceremony to dispose of unserviceable flags at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at American Legion Park in Wilson. The public is invited to attend.

Ceremonies such as this are conducted regularly by various veterans organizations to solemnly dispose of American flags in a dignified and respectful manner after the flags have become tattered or worn.

After the ceremony, a dinner for a free-will donation will be served at the Msgr. John F. McManus American Legion Post 262 in Wilson.

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To get your sale listed on the map - \$15.00
 To get your sale listed and have a brief 15 word description of your items - \$25.00

If you need signs, call the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce at 785-472-4071

THE DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IS FRIDAY, MAY 28, AT NOON. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE

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Anniversary

Card shower for Magette's 50th anniversary

Steve and Melody Magette will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 22.

Steve and Melody were married May 22, 1971 in Peabody, Kan.

To help them celebrate, cards may be sent to 101 St. Clair Dr., Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.



Steve and Melody Magette

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will be attractive, won't stink, and there won't be a lot of noise. Rotational grazing will be utilized.

His plan is to make the property — site of a lumber yard and other businesses over the years — productive again and to create jobs.

While the property is large enough to hold 143 goats, Criswell said he will likely never have that many.

Criswell said he spoke to Rick Weigel, owner of Wilson Foods, and Weigel raised concerns about ground-water contamination. Criswell said he plans to haul the manure produced by the goats off his property to a local farmer.

"I will continue to try to have a dialog with Rick," Criswell said.

"My concern is if we grant a wavier, then how do we say no to the person that says I want to put 10 goats in my backyard, and they will be meat goats and I am going to run a business," Peschka said.

Council member Dan Taylor also raised concerns about the goats being across from Wilson Foods, an argument Weigel made when he talked earlier with Mayor Peschka.

"Part of this is an education process," Criswell said. "I hope your decision will be based on a rational thought process, not just because someone is opposed."

Criswell said the council needs to consider that when an idea is presented — especially one that is a big change — there is going to be opposition.

"And then once other people do the work and make it happen, and they see what's going on and there's a lot more positive than negative, and all the fear and apprehension they had before really weren't warranted, then they come around and say well that's a good idea," he said.

Criswell will provide a more detailed proposal at the June 7 council meeting.

Before Monday's meeting, during a public hearing involving an inoperable vehicle at 709 24th St., the owner was given an extension until May 31 to bring the vehicle into compliance with city ordinances.

During the regular council meeting, Tipton gave an update on inoperable vehicles at 3212 Ave. D. The council approved a resolution for that property owner to bring the vehicle into compliance.

Also discussed were vehicles at 2508 Ave. F and 709 24th St.

J.H. Robbins Memorial Library

News from cover to cover

April showers bring May flowers! Everything looks so green and pretty with all of the flowers. But here at the library we are too busy to stop and smell those flowers as we are getting ready for summer!

We are going to have our summer events in person and we are looking forward to it! Starting the week of June 14 Story Hour will be from 10:30-11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Kids from the age of 3 to going into kindergarten are welcome to come.

Games and activities will be Tuesday mornings. Kids 1st grade-3rd grade will be from 10-10:45 a.m. and the 4th-6th grade will be from 11-11:45 a.m. There will be a book club on Tuesday afternoons from 1-1:45 p.m. for kids 3rd-6th grade.

You can sign up for any of these activities by going to our website ellsworthlib.org, our Facebook page or giving us a call at (785) 472-3969 and we will help you out.

Free tutoring is again available this summer for reading and math. You can sign up for it as well by going to our website or Facebook page. These will be one-on-one sessions and be held Mondays and Thursdays.

If you ever have any questions on any of the activities, please feel free to give us a call as we would be glad to answer any of your questions.

Oh, can't forget Wednesday afternoons we will be showing movies again at 1 p.m. Tell the kids to bring a blanket or pillow if



Colleen Sippel

Cover to Cover

they would like as they lay on the floor to watch. We will provide the popcorn and a break to get a drink. This is always a fun event and something good to do on a hot afternoon!

The Knitting & Crocheting Group will be meeting again from 6-7 p.m. June 7. We are meeting the first Monday of the month through the summer and then reevaluate from there. Come let us help you get started with your Christmas gifts! Might as well start planning now — it will be here before you know it.

Tai Chi is going well. If you have an interest but missed it this time, give us a call and we will put your name down for when we do it again. We will start a new class in the near future.

We don't want to forget that we always have new books for you to enjoy such as ... "The Cold Millions" by Jess Walter; "The Paris Library" by Janet Skeslien Charles; "The Push" by Ashley Audrain; "The Sum of Us" by Heather McGhee; "Fast Ice" by Clive Cussler; and "Ancient Remedies" by Dr. Josh Axe.

In large print we have "In a Book Club Far Away" by Tif Marcelo; "Mimi Lee Gets a Clue" by Jennifer J. Chow; and "Dead

LIBRARY SUMMER SCHEDULE

- **Story Hour.** 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning June 14. Ages 3 to going into Kindergarten.
- **Games and activities.** 1st-3rd grade 10-10:45 a.m. and 4th-6th grade 11-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays.
- **Book Club.** 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesdays for 3rd-6th grade.
- **Free tutoring.** Mondays and Thursdays.
- **Movies.** 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Bring blanket or pillow. Free popcorn.
- **Knitting & Crocheting.** 6-7 p.m. first Monday of the month beginning June 7.

Call (785) 472-3969 for more information or to sign up.

Wrong" by Vannetta Chapman. There is so much more so please come in and look for yourself.

Ok, that is about all I have to tell you this month. I'm sure I'm missing something so make sure to stop in and see for yourself or just stop to say hi — you're as welcome as the flowers in May! 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.

Grads

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ing rides seeking higher, intense thrills.

"Class of 2021, as we enter this new chapter in our lives, my wish for all of you is to buckle up, throw your arms in the air, and enjoy the ride."

Wilson High School social studies teacher, Debbie Gould, reflected on the past year and pandemic and other events that defined it.

"It truly was one like no other," she said. "Our school and regrettably this class of seniors did not have a normal or traditional year."

Gould said the year 2020 started with a new school principal, Adam Niedens.

"He was our third principal at Wilson in just four years," she said. "Many of us were very uneasy starting school with a rookie administrator during a once-in-100-years pandemic. Fortunately, Mr. Niedens quickly put our worries to rest as he settled in nicely

to our K-12 building. Sadly, Adam will be leaving us for a new job in Great Bend. We wish him and his family the best of luck. His leadership and support will be deeply missed. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication this year."

Gould said in August, the Wilson Class of 2021, along with the rest of the students, teachers, staff and administrators, learned to wear face masks and social distance while following new cleaning protocols.

"All of us grew very weary of saying 'where's your mask?' 'cover your nose,' 'don't forget to use hand sanitizer, etc. To say this was both challenging and uncomfortable would be an understatement. Throw in the shortages we all faced with sanitizers, toilet paper, and even meat and ketchup, and you have the recipe for a real disaster. Or so we thought. During the fall and winter many of our students, seniors, and even myself had to be quarantined not once

but several times. Students and staff at home had to rely on remote learning. Anyone care to Zoom?"

Then, in the fall of 2020, the United States experienced a divisive and controversial presidential election.

"Three of our seniors were eligible to vote for the very first time and we looked forward to watching debates and discussing current issues."

She noted, however, than in spite of everything that went wrong during 2020 and 2021, a few things actually did go right.

"Our school district was able to offer in-class learning all year long despite coronavirus," she said. "Second, parents did send their children back to school and our 13 seniors were able to complete their courses of study and now graduate. In my opinion, this is something to cherish and celebrate."

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SENIOR MENUS

May 24-28

ELLSWORTH

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

MONDAY — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans/onion, spiced apples, roll and beverage.

TUESDAY — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, cinnamon apple, roll and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Swedish meatballs/sauce, buttered noodles, carrots, tossed salad, mixed fruit, roll and beverage.

THURSDAY — Sweet/sour pork, steamed rice, oriental vegetables, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, roll, oatmeal cookie and beverage.

FRIDAY — Salisbury steak, buttered egg noodles, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, peaches, roll and beverage.

WILSON and HOLYROOD

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

MONDAY — Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, garlic bread, tossed salad, peach pudding and beverage.

TUESDAY — Taco salad, salsa/chips, grapes and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Tator tot casserole, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cobbler and beverage.

THURSDAY — Liver/onions, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, fruit and beverage.

FRIDAY — Roast beef, potatoes/carrots, roll, pie and beverage.

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Commissioners *EMS director position discussed*

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

The Ellsworth County EMS director job was again the topic of discussion at Monday's meeting of the Ellsworth County commission.

At the May 10 commission meeting, EMS director Jeremiah Brown tendered his letter of resignation. His last day is June 18.

At Monday's meeting, Brown told the commissioners the ball is in their court when it comes to hiring a new director.

"I think we're going to open it up," Commissioner Dennis Rolfs said, noting an ad will be placed in the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter.

"We want to look outside not inside," Commissioner Greg Bender added.

"I support whatever your decision is," Brown said.

Rolfs and Bender also thought it would be useful to put an ad in the Salina Journal as well.

Brown said an ad has been placed on the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) website. Brown also noted he will start working from home.

"That facility will run itself," Brown said. "I'll keep it going until then (until a permanent director is hired)."

In other business:

- No action was taken after returning from a 15 minute executive session with Paul J. Kasper, county attorney, to discuss the EMS department.

- Shelly Vopat, county clerk and elections officer, submitted her

budgets for both the clerk's department and elections for the 2022 fiscal year. Vopat asked for a clerk's budget of \$138,221 for 2022 — three percent higher than the \$134,185 she submitted for her 2021 budget. For her election budget, Vopat submitted a budget for 2022 of \$58,365 — again three percent higher than the \$56,643 she requested for her 2021 election budget.

- Approval was given to Cereal Malt Beverage License No. 2021-4 for the Hart Marina LLC for original and unopened containers.

- Approval was given to the updated job description for the EMS director position.

The next meeting of the Ellsworth County commissioners will be at 9 a.m. Monday, May 24, at the county courthouse.

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project succeed.

Kennedy said Ellsworth is extremely lucky to have Kirkham Michael & Associates as a downtown business in the community.

"There are a few times when we have a lot of questions and we don't know exactly which direction to proceed," he said. "It's just so nice to be able to go down the street, ask those questions and talk to people we know. It's a great relationship, so we're very thankful for that."

"It's projects like this that really make me proud of the work that KDOT does," said Lindsey Douglas, KDOT deputy secretary.

Douglas lauded the ability of state government to partner with local communities in order to leverage resources at the local, state and federal level to make projects like the Eighth Street resurfacing project happen.

"We can accomplish so much more together than we can on our own," she said.

Douglas said Ellsworth was in the first round of project selections for the KDOT cost-share program.

"It's so exciting that we're seeing this first round of projects that got selected completed," she said. "We're trying to get these projects going and get them completed so we can see these improvements in these communities."

The goal of the Eighth Street resurfacing project was to replace the failing chip and seal surface with concrete pavement which will stand up to the truck traffic servicing the Great Plains Manufacturing facility.

A secondary goal was to change the storm water flow by constructing curb and gutters and installing storm water inlets.

The project was the second step in improving vehicle access at Eighth Street for Great Plains Manufacturing. The first step was the construction of turn lanes on K-156 Highway at Eighth Street, which was partially funded by the KDOT City Connecting Link Improvement (CCLIP) program.

Grads

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The members of the Wilson High School Class of 2021 are: Taylor Shay Hames Barham, Kaylee Rose Boxberger, Joshua David Cook, Charles Dylan Crawford, Camryn William Louis Eberhart, Raina Marie Gerrard, Bryna Dawn Hill, James Isaac Huck, Donovan Dean Lyne Jr., Macie Jo Scott, Garrett William Thielen, Kamdyn Elizabeth Thrasher and Cooper John Weinhold.

Central Plains High School

The 22 members of the Central Plains High School Class of 2021 received their diplomas during a

graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon in the school gym in Clafflin.

Callie Zink, class president, said she was happy being in the school gym with her classmates.

"Surrounded by those who love us, we close the final chapter of our childhood," she said. "We are not kids playing on the playground anymore. We are men and women ready to set the world ablaze."

Principal Toby Holmes, as he does each year, offered some advice to the class.

"Hold on to your family, tell the people you love in your life how much you love them, call your mom, hug your dad, never forget your friends, keep in touch with your teachers, and continue to seek

out people who make you better," he said.

The members of the Central Plains High School Class of 2021 are: Brooke Kelley Armstrong, Rylie Jane Bailey, Karter Littrell Beck, Shannon Marie Bunch, Ryenne Renee Cunningham, Matthew Allen Donecker, Brandi Michelle Edmonson, Benjamin Jacob Gibson, Tyler James Holmes, Ethan Matthew Hurley, Jennah Lynn Jeffrey, Dylan Michael Kitchen, William Lloyd Laymon, Michael David Menges, Jacob James Oberle, Alexandria Elizabeth Oeser, Hannah Leigh Redetzke, Monica Marie Short, Cassandra Ann Stout, Adrienne Colleen Torgersen, Brian J. Whiterock, Callie Ashlyn Zink.



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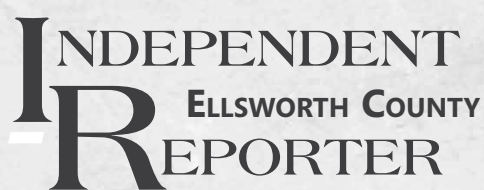
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Wilson officials review new building ordinance

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

WILSON — Almost two dozen people attended the Wilson City Council's public meeting on Abandoned and Vacant Building Ordinance 854 May 12 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Parish Hall, yet few had questions.

Mayor Mike Peschka said the ordinance was approved by the council, but has yet to be enforced. He noted there are three reasons for the ordinance.

"One is abandoned and vacant buildings adversely affect the quality of life, lead to blight and impact local property tax values," Peschka said. "And I think everyone understands that."

A second reason for the ordinance is vacant buildings are known to attract vandalism and other criminal activity and become unsafe.

"Also, when you have abandoned buildings, you have public health issues," Peschka said. "Rodents, insects — all of those kinds of things that could, potentially, impact public health."

Peschka said ordinances of this type are somewhat new.

"When we first started looking at this there were five or six other communities that we knew of that had already adopted this type of ordinance," he said.

The closest is Russell. Peschka said Sylvan Grove has recently adopted a similar ordinance and Lucas is looking at one as well.

Peschka reviewed the ordinance, including the definition of a building, an abandoned building, chronic vacancy and chronically vacant.

"We define a building as any structure intended for shelter, housing or commercial use," he said.

The focus of the ordinance are those structures that have been or will be vacant for a long time.

"Typically, those properties, not all of them, but typically those properties once they are vacant for very long, especially if they are not connected to city utilities, where they are heated and cooled and environmentally controlled, those types of properties tend to degrade," Peschka said. "And they become a property that specifically we're trying to address."

He said Wilson has a severe shortage of housing.

"Several times a week we have people looking for places to rent," Peschka said. "There is also people looking for places to buy. So we have people interested in moving to and living in Wilson."

Peschka noted Wilson has a large amount of residential and business properties that are just sitting there.

"For whatever reason the owner says I don't want to sell it, I don't want to rent it, and in a lot of cases I don't want to pay utilities," he said. "And that's every property owner's right. However, that is

not doing anything for our community."

Peschka said one aim of the ordinance is to provide incentives to get properties on the rental or for sale rolls.

"We are in a constant battle to maintain our school," he said. "We (the council) see us at a tipping point. We can't lose our town. If we lose our town, we lose our school."

Peschka said an initial survey showed 102 properties abandoned or vacant out of 500 total properties.

"Roughly 25 percent of our residences are abandoned or vacant," he said. "It's almost unbelievable to me that we have that many."

Some of those properties are now rented. One patron said she walks the alleys behind the businesses in town and sees a lot of boarded up windows.

"In the past six months, I've dealt with a couple of people who would like to bring businesses here," Peschka said. "I've beaten the bushes and can't find a place."

Another patron asked if the city could use eminent domain.

"No," Peschka said. "I'm not a lawyer, but if the city were going to use eminent domain it would have to be for something that would benefit the city such as we need land to build a new street or we need land to lay out a new sewer system. That would give the city the right to use eminent domain."

However, if a property owner was told by the city it planned to take the property to build a rental house, that probably wouldn't fly, the mayor said.

"So eminent domain really doesn't come into play," Peschka said.

Step by step

Peschka said the first step in the process of enforcing the ordinance would be a public officer becoming aware of a structure that could be deemed vacant and/or abandoned. A written report would then be presented to the city council for review. They will decide whether the structure is vacant and/or abandoned. If it is, the owner of that property will be notified. If those conditions do not change, the owner will again be notified three months later that the property has been deemed chronically vacant or abandoned.

"The owner has 14 days to appeal," Peschka said.

After another 20 days, if nothing changes, the owner will have to register the property as chronically vacant or abandoned. A form will need to be filled out and a registration fee of \$50 paid.

Peschka said if that property remains chronically vacant or abandoned, every 12 months the property will have to be reregistered by the owner.

The second year, the registration fee increases from \$50 to \$100. The third year it increases to \$200. The fourth year it increases to \$400 and every year thereafter.

Rising Stars

Dolechek fund distributes medical scholarships

The Christine A. Dolechek Medical Scholarship Trust Fund is for legal residents of Ellsworth County who are pursuing an education in the field of human medicine. The professions include, but are not limited to doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, optometrists and support fields, including medical research, emergency medical technician and paramedical services.

The recipients for the 2021-22 school year are:

Nursing: **Bailey Dolezal, Jeffrey Pelzel, Jenna Sinnott, Emmerae Svaty.**

Occupational Therapy: **Hannah Wilson.**

Physical Therapy: **Jordan Base.**
Pre-Medicine: **Jordyn Coonrod, Tiffany Harders, Kristen Watson.**

Speech Language Pathology: **Shaylee Leiker, Kara Rodriguez, Sydney Wilson.**

Hohl Scholarship names 2021-22 recipients

The Art Hohl Scholarship is for graduates of Ellsworth High School who are pursuing an education in medicine including, but not limited to, doctors, dentists, optometry, osteopathic degrees, nursing degrees and certificates.

The recipients for the 2021-22 school year are:

Nursing: **Bailey Dolezal, Jeffrey Pelzel, Emmerae Svaty.**

Occupational Therapy: **Hannah Wilson.**

Physical Therapy: **Jordan Base.**
Pre-Medicine: **Jordyn Coonrod.**

Speech Pathology: **Sydney Wilson.**

Medical students receive Svoboda scholarships

The Frank J. Svoboda and Frances J. Svoboda Medical Scholarship are for legal residents of Ellsworth County who are pursuing an education

in the field of medicine which shall be either for a nursing degree, nursing certificate or a medical doctor degree.

The recipients for the 2021-22 school year are:

Nursing: **Bailey Dolezal, Jeffrey Pelzel, Jenna Sinnott, Emmerae Svaty.**

Pre-Medicine: **Jordyn Coonrod, Tiffany Harders, Kristen Watson.**

Salina Tech conducts graduation ceremony

Several Ellsworth area students were among 137 students eligible to participate Saturday, May 8, at graduation ceremonies for Salina Area Technical College's Class of 2021 at the Tony's Pizza Events Center. They were:

Kanopolis:
Associate Degree
Stephanie Marie Deming, nursing.
Technical Certificate
Heather Diane Hoss, practical nursing; **Brianna Nicole Sjogren**, practical nursing.

Brookville:
Associate Degree
Cade William Heinrich, diesel Technology.
Technical Certificate
Landon Scott Howard, welding technology.

Marquette:
Associate Degree
Lori Beth James, nursing
Other facts about the Class of 2021:

- + Graduates range in age from 17 to 51, and both our oldest and youngest graduates are graduating with honors
- + 13 of the graduates are veterans or on active duty with the US military
- + 14 of the graduates are single parents
- + 18 of the graduates are high school seniors
- + 21 percent of the class is a member of a racial or ethnic minority
- + 25 of the graduates are the first in their family to attend college.



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Level 2 - Fundamental Aquatic Skills 10:15 - 10:50

Level 3 - Stroke Development 9:30 - 10:15

Level 4 - Stroke Improvement 8:45 - 9:30

Level 5 - Stroke Refinement 8:00 - 8:45

Level 6 - Swim/Skill Proficiency 8:00 - 8:45

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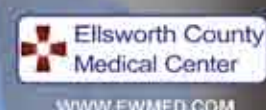


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Central Plains' Brynna Hammeke completes in the high jump May 13 at league competition in LaCrosse.

Athletes prepare for regional track

BY THE I-R STAFF

Track competitor from Ellsworth and Central Plains brought home a dozen first place medals between them following league meets at Beloit and LaCrosse.

The Bearcats, who competed May 14 at Beloit, finished with top spots for Shaylee Leiker, 100m dash; Katelyn Soukup, high jump; Rylan Ohl, shot put; Kylan Turnipseed, javelin; Luke Sharp, 100m dash; and Trey Anderson, 200m dash.

The Oilers, who competed May 13 at LaCrosse, finished with firsts to Lauren Oeser, javelin; Brynna Hammeke, 200m dash and 400m dash; Tyler Holmes, shot put; and the 4x400m relay team of Brynna Hammeke, Jennah Jeffery, Monia Short and Callie Zink.

The league meets are the last before Friday's regional qualifying meets for state.

"We had a good meet overall as we try to get focused for the regional meet this upcoming week," said head Bearcat track coach Nick Rodriguez.

"I had some concerns as we have had some kids really not feeling well early in the week, which impacts our training. We continue to see some kids improve in their events and that is the focus we have right now. A lot of improvement now comes from the kids eating right, getting plenty of sleep and focusing on the mental approach to the sport.



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Ellsworth's Luke Sharp is shown competing in this file photo from earlier this month.

"Things that are out the coaches hands and in the kids."

Here are the results:

Ellsworth women

- 100m Dash — 1st Shaylee Leiker 13.29
- 400m Dash — 5th Olivia Neuman 1:10.77
- 100m Hurdles — 6th Braeden Sheridan 20.73
- High Jump — 1st Katelyn Soukup 4' 9", 4th Akira Stroede 4'2"
- Pole Vault — 5th Kate Wacker 6' 1"
- Shot Put — 1st Rylan Ohl

33' 7.5" 4th Madison Kelley 32' 6.5"

Javelin — 1st Kylan Turnipseed 114' 1", 2 nd Rylan Ohl 100'00"

Ellsworth men

- 100m Dash — 1st Luke Sharp 11.50
- 200m Dash — 1st Trey Anderson 22.97
- 1600m Run — 6th Byron Johnson 5:05.44
- 4x100m Relay — 2nd Bradley Vopat II, Trey Anderson, Riley Stone, Luke Sharp 45.20
- 4x400m Relay — 2nd Luke

Sharp, Joshua Rodriguez, Riley Stone, Trey Anderson 3:37.06

Pole Vault — 2nd Eryk Andalon 11' 1"

Long Jump — 5th Trey Anderson 16' 11.75"

Central Plains women

- Javelin — Lauren Oeser 1st 109'06
- Lexi Oeser 5th 88'06
- High Jump — Brynna Hammeke 1st 5'03
- Shot Put — Lauren Oeser 6th 29'06
- Triple Jump — Rylie Thompson 3rd 31'03
- 100 Meter Hurdles —

- Lauren Oeser 3rd 19.57
- 200 Meter Dash — Brynna Hammeke 1st 26.84
- 400 Meter Dash — Brynna Hammeke 1st 1:00.34
- Jennah Jeffery 5th 1:08.06
- 800 Meter Run — Callie Zink 2nd 2:31.05
- 1600 Meter Run — Kyla Metro 6th 6:39.61
- 4x400 Meter Relay — 1st 4:25.65 Brynna Hammeke, Jennah Jeffery, Monia Short, Callie Zink
- 4x800 meter relay — 3rd 11:07.16 Jennah Jeffery, Monia Short, Kyla Metro, Callie Zink

Central Plains men

- Javelin — Michael Laymon 2nd 152'04
- Cole Lamatsch 7th 127' 03
- High Jump — Michael Laymon 2nd 5'06
- Dawson McNeal 4th 5'04
- Shot Put — Tyler Holmes 1st 46'06-50
- Disc — Tyler Holmes 7th 109'11
- 800 Meter Run — Jacob Oberle 6th 2:22.05
- 1600 Meter Run — Cole Lamatsch 3rd 4:58.49
- 3200 Meter Run — Cole Lamatsch 3rd 10:56.35
- 300 Meter Hurdles — Michael Laymon 4th 45:56
- 4x400 Meter Relay — 5th 4:02.26 Matt Donecker, Jacob Oberle, Blaine Hickle Dawson McNeal
- 4x800 Meter Relay — 3rd 9:04.42 Dawson McNeal, Michael Laymon, Jacob Oberle, Cole Lamatsch

Ellsworth splits with Republic County to end regular season

BY THE I-R STAFF

The Ellsworth Baseball Team ended its regular 2020-21 season Monday, May 10, by splitting a double header with Republic County.

The first matchup was a nail biter with the Bearcats grabbing the lead late in the game for a 4-3 victory. Until then, the game was tied at three apiece. Then Ellsworth's Layton Leiker singled on a 0-1 count, scoring a run.

Dayton Davis was the winning pitcher for Ellsworth. The righthander went seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out 15.

Leiker, Davis, Cade Gwinner, Jordan Rodriguez, and Braden Schulte each had a hit, compared to six hits for Republic County.

In the night's other game, Republic County piled on the runs, ending the game with 14. Ellsworth managed to put four runs on the scoreboard.

Pitcher Lane Rolfs took the loss for Ellsworth. Rolfs surrendered five runs on five hits over two innings, striking out two.

The 'Cats collected nine hits on the day. Dayton Davis led Ellsworth with three hits in four at bats. Jaxson Stefek also contributed multiple hits.

Republic County had 12 hits. The 'Cats were at home Monday night for regional action against Hoisington.

Klein goes 4-for-4 against Sacred Heart

The Lady 'Cats Softball Team also split a double header this Monday, May 10, against Salina's Sacred Heart.

In the first game, Ellsworth snagged a late lead to defeat Sacred Heart 13-4. The game was tied at four in the top of the fifth when Ellsworth's Makenna Haas singled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs.

Lady 'Cat Greta Klein also had a good night at the plate, going 4-for-4. She singled in the second, doubled in the third, singled in the fifth, and doubled in the sixth.

Ellsworth landed six runs in the sixth inning, with Peyton Coonrod, Paityn Tenbrink, Elizabeth Hipp, Klein, and Haas, all driving in runs.

Emma Moore led Ellsworth to victory over seven innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out three.

Ellsworth Lady Bearcats Varsity had 17 hits in the game. Klein, Tenbrink, Hipp, Haas, and Coonrod all managed multiple hits with Klein's 4-for-4 at the plate to lead leading the way.

The other game of the night saw the tables reversed on Ellsworth as the Lady 'Cats fell behind early in the game and couldn't catch up in a 5-0 loss to Sacred Heart.

Emma Moore took the loss for

See 'CATS, Page B2

MONDAY'S POST-SEASON RESULTS

- The Lady 'Cats Softball Team defeated Sylvan/Lucas/Lincoln Monday night in the first round of the high school regional at Larned. The score was 10-1.

- The Bearcat Boys Baseball Team fell in the first round of regional competition Monday night at Ellsworth. Hoisington defeated Ellsworth 6-2.

Congratulations to players on both teams on a good season. Keep going, Lady 'Cats!

- Ellsworth senior golfers Avery Haxton and Will Cravens qualified individually Monday at Hays for state competition May 24 at Hesston. Good luck, Bearcats!



IR Sports

ROUGH RIDE

Ellsworth seniors Tyler Romero, at right, and Keagan Delaire competed Saturday night at Odin. Their next rodeo is Tuesday, June 18, also at Odin.



Photo by Lori Farmer

'Cats

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Ellsworth. She surrendered no runs on one hit over four and two-thirds innings, striking out one. Elizabeth Hipp started the game for the Lady 'Cats. The right handed pitcher surrendered five runs on one hit over one and one-third innings, striking out one. Moore and Greta Klein both had one hit apiece to lead Ellsworth. The Lady 'Cats were set to travel to Larned Monday for regional action.

Ellsworth, Kanopolis & Geneseo USD 327's Student Of The Week



Brooke Farmer

Brooke Farmer, a senior at Ellsworth High School, is this week's Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Lori and Dale Farmer. Brooke's siblings are Sara, Megan, and Krista Farmer. Brooke's activities include reading, especially the classics like Jane Eyre, sewing clothes, listening to music from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, skateboarding, videogames, and is also life guarding this summer. What Brooke likes best about school is spending time with her friends and learning new things. Brooke plans to attend Barton Community College and major in history. "Brooke is a delight to have in class. She was a first year apparel student when school was shut down due to the pandemic. She took the skills she learned in class and taught herself more skills while at home. She has come back for two more semesters of Apparel. She takes initiative and chooses projects that challenge her. Her work ethic will serve her well in the future."

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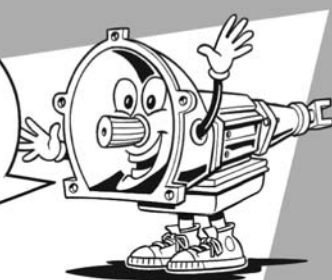
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ELLWORTH BEARCATS

TRACK



Members of the Ellsworth High School track team are, back row, from left — Trey Anderson, Luke Sharp, Rylie Stone, Trenton Hays, Ian Andalon, Eryk Andalon, Wyatt Pelzel; middle row, from left — Shaylee Lieker, Manager Alyssa Rodriguez, Joshua Rodriguez, Loden West, Bradley Vopat, Justin Tully, Byron Johnson, Cassie Most, Lilly DeCouteau, Emma Salyers; and front row, from left — Connie Burt, Rylan Ohl, Madison Kelley, Kate Wacker, Kylan Turnipseed, Olivia Neuman, Sadie Lipscomb, Lydia Mai, Braeden Sherdian, Akira Stroede, Katelyn Soukup.

GOLF



Members of the Ellsworth High School golf team are, from left — Ellsworth golf team, back row, from left — Coach Kevin Haxton, freshman Reese Gier, senior Parker McGowan, sophomore Isaac Vasquez, senior Avery Haxton; freshman Will Cravens, sophomore Rowdy Dunn; and front row, from left — senior Brooke Farmer, freshman Avery Holecek, freshman Sam Karst, junior Cady Hansen, freshman Wyatt Bohnen, senior Dayton LaDuke. Not pictured is sophomore Sara Maxwell.

BASEBALL



Members of the Ellsworth High School baseball team are, back row, from left — Jordan Rodriguez, Cole Webber, Braden Schulle, Jaxson Stefek, Dayton Davis, Austin Stroede, Gavin Webber; and front row, from left — Lane Rolfs, Layton Leiker, Cade Gwinner, Kyle Holbrook, Ben Hipp.

SOFTBALL



Members of the Ellsworth High School softball team are, back row, from left — Lizzy Hipp, Isabelle Lindsley, Greta Klein, Makenzi Guillory, Callie Sherdian; middle row, from left — Aleyana Womelsdorf, Peyton Coonrod, Kirsten Meier, Macey Gustin, Jordi Thornton, McKenna Haas, Shyljo Travnichik, Noah Goss; front row, from left — Jazlynn Schultz, Paityn Tenbrink, Emma Moore, Natalie Rolfs, Stormy Thompson, Sami Couch, Ryan Tenbrink. Not pictured Nicole Hoase and Lexi West.

WILSON DRAGONS TRACK



Members of the Wilson track team are, back row, from left — Blake Mermis, Zach Corpus, Aiden Watts, Cooper Weinhold, Henry Kingsbury and front row, from left — Raina Garrard, Kylee Larsen, Cara Criswell, Kami Thrasher and Anna Thielen. Not pictured are Cameryn Eberhart and Avery Anderson.

CENTRAL PLAINS OILERS TRACK



Members of the Central Plains track team left to right are: front row, from left — Kyla Metro, Riley Thompson, Callie Zink, Dawson McNeal, Cole Lamatsch, Tyler Holmes, Denver Crenshaw, and Brian Whiterock; middle row, from left — Jennah Jeffery, Brynna Hammeke, Nora VanScyoc, Jacob Oberle, Joseph Bunch, Evan Stratmann, Michael Laymon, and Jake Sturn; back row, from left — Cassandra Stout, Adrienne Togerson, Taylor Sheehy, Lauren Oeser, Kerrick Benavidez, Mathew Donecker, Ben Gibson, and Hunter Klima. Not Pictured: Elizeia Knapp-Blehm, Connor Freis, and Blaine Hicel.

GOLF



Members of the Central Plains High School golf team are, from left — Coach Jeff Potter, Krystal Weeks, Melissa Donecker, Kailynn Depperschmidt, JoAnna Donecker, Kristi Weeks and Jakeb Cauthon.

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Stockers and Backgrounders – After weaning, cattle continue to grow and thrive by grazing on grass and pastures during the stocker and backgrounder phase.

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I-R Passages



Eighty-five mile per hour winds slammed into Ellsworth County Tuesday night with an irresistible force and tossed around lots of immovable objects. Three Ellsworth men escaped unharmed after the storm destroyed their mobile home in County Acres Mobile Home Park. Photo taken from the Aug. 8, 1987 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

From the files of The Ellsworth Reporter

From the files of the August 8, 1985 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

136 YEARS AGO August 6, 1885

Tom Beatty returned to Ellsworth last Saturday, direct from Dublin, Ireland. He says he has come to stay this time. When Tom went away we predicted that he would return to God's country and we were correct.

W.A. Gebhardt is building a residence on the hill, on the north west side. He sold his residence on Court Avenue last week, to Mr. Carhardt of Wilson, who will take possession with his family, September first and become permanent citizens in our city.

Last Tuesday night the Gray Brothers photograph gallery over Nunamakers jewelry store, was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given and in a short time a sufficient number of people were on hand to extinguish the fire and prevent further damages than had already been done up to the time of their arrival. The loss is estimated at about \$1000. Fully insured. The origin of the fire is not known.

It not only rained but poured in the vicinity last Thursday night and Friday morning.

Last Saturday one hundred and fifty persons took dinner at John Jelly's Farmers Hotel.

John Jackson had his right hand caught in a threshing machine at the

farm of Ben White, north of Ellsworth last Tuesday, which was so badly crushed that the hand was amputated by Dr. R.L. Doig assisted by Dr. Ed Darnell.

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111 YEARS AGO August 4, 1910

James Bryan, general superintendent of the Sherman Ranch, was in town last Monday on business. While here he made our office a social call.

The county commissioners were in session Monday to provide for purchasing of electrical fixtures for the new jail.

While W.S. Faris from the river was in town last Thursday, he purchased a Moon Brothers surrey from W.C. Elred.

The 9:08 Union Pacific passenger train Saturday morning had thirteen coaches, and an extra engine was coupled on here to pull the train over the Harker hills.

Frank Shanelec and John and Joe Prohaska were automobiling in this vicinity Sunday. From the Sylvan Glen Gleanings.

Everyone wants to thresh now that the drouth prevents plowing. The hot winds finished our corn and the prairies have to be shaved for hay.

The fire in Wilson last week burned three barns and one house. The fire was very fierce and the firemen worked heroically to save the Greenough house, but it had a very close call.

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75 YEARS AGO August 8, 1935

July, torrid, but torpid, burned out last Wednesday night at midnight after having provided Ellsworth abnormal temperatures, although several degrees cooler on the average than last July when the furnace blasts whipped the mercury to a climatic 115 degrees.

Largest crowd in city's history came to hear music. The event of last Friday will long remain in the memory of the citizens of this vicinity and central Kansas as something that has overshadowed anything else that has come to our city. It was the occasion on which we were treated to continuous band music by nine of the best bands in central Kansas. The concerts began at 10 a.m. And were set off by the Salina band at the temporary stand that had been erected in the northwest corner of the grade school grounds. The other temporary stand had been erected in the southwest corner of the grounds. Each of the nine bands gave a forty minute concert, with the Salina band substituting for the Cuba band from 1:20 to 2:00 o'clock.

The manager of the Cuba band sent word at the last minute that they would not participate this year. Municipal bands that came were Salina, Bennington, Beloit, Abilene, Minneapolis, Concordia, Clay Center, Belleville and Hoisington with Ellsworth as the host band. Following the last afternoon concert a banquet was given all visiting

bandsmen, their wives, mothers or sweethearts with covers laid at the Odd Fellows hall, Presbyterian church, Parish hall, Methodist church, Country club, White House cafe, Tucker hotel, Ellsworth Cafe and Jayhawk Cafe. The menu was: Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cabbage Slaw, Peas, Carrots, White and Brown Bread and Butter, Jelly, Pickles, Coffee, Iced Tea and Apple Pie. At the conclusion of the banquet the bands formed into the parade procession, with formation at the Presbyterian church corner. Headed by the Boy Scout color guard the parade marched north on Lincoln avenue, west on Fourth street to Douglas avenue, where it marched the length of the main business street, to Main street, thence east a block and north back to the grade school. The drum majors strutted in all their glory and the uniforms were effective in the march between closely packed lanes of spectators on Douglas avenue. The Goodland band marched in the parade, with the Ellsworth band bringing up the rear. The crowning event of the day's convention was the concert given by the massed bands at 8 o'clock Friday evening on the north side of the grade school. A temporary stand had been erected, using the north side of the grade school as a sounding board. The four hundred musicians were seated in a semi-cir-

cle. The stand flanked on all sides by rows of temporary seats, with at least four thousand people occupying them. The whole area was lighted by powerful flood lights. Karl L. King, the guest conductor, stepped to the center of the platform, raised his baton, and for the next hour those present heard a truly marvelous band concert. The evening concert selections were all the compositions of Mr. King. The evening crowd swelled to unheard of proportions for Ellsworth until it was estimated eight thousand people heard the massed concert. One of the outstanding events of the day was the parade of bandsmen at seven o'clock when they passed in review of the guest conductor, Karl L. King, noted composer and band leader. Both the Minneapolis and Bennington bands had women drum majors. These two young ladies reflected much credit to their organizations for the manner in which they acquitted themselves.

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61 YEARS AGO August 11, 1960

Fred Shade, who prides himself in being Ellsworth county's oldest pioneer, celebrated his 99th birthday August 10th. Relatives expect to honor him with a party Sunday. Mr. Shade lives in the Sanders Nursing home here.

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46 YEARS AGO August 31, 1975

Several weeks ago most

people were praying for the rains to stop in order that the wheat crop might be harvested. The rain did stop. It stopped so suddenly and for so long, in fact, that last month was the driest July since at least 1931, recording only .25 of an inch.

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41 YEARS AGO July 31, 1980

The Master Plan for the Ellsworth Airport was completed and presented to the council Monday night. Work on paving the airport will start August 11, and the airport will be closed during that period. It is hoped the work will take only about two weeks. The work will be a joint city-county project with the county doing most of the grading.

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36 YEARS AGO August 1, 1985

A sudden, severe thunderstorm accompanied by hurricane-force winds sent residents of Ellsworth and several neighboring counties running for cover Tuesday evening while causing heavy damage in Ellsworth and Kanopolis. Winds of at least 85 mph whipped through the area from 5:45 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday tearing off roofs, uprooting trees, destroying buildings and knocking out power to much of the county.

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

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What will you be remembered for?

Paul, the author of our text (1 Thessalonians 3:5-7) was an amazing man. As God's chosen man, he was consumed with seeing people saved from their sins, but also seeing that they grew in their walk/relationship with the Lord. In these verses, he has sent Timothy to check up on the church. The good report is given to Paul and he is ecstatic. He was glad to see that they were growing spiritually and they had not forgotten him.

A physical check up is always a good idea. Some people call it "preventive maintenance". Kind of like having your blood pressure checked, your weight, blood sugar, or cholesterol. It's never fun, but it is important so we don't have a serious issue arise unexpected in our health.

I believe the same thing is true for our spiritual health. Are you pleased in how much you have grown spiritually in the Lord this last year? You see, that is why Paul is writing this section with such joy. They were not just going to church when they had time, they were daily living out their faith. Knowing that his converts loved and missed him gave him such great comfort in a time of serious suffering.

When going through hard times, or when you are battling discouragement,



Pastor Brett Denham

Pastor's Podium

do you feel invisible? Forgotten? Even living in a high tech world with social media, most people feel they have very few close friends.

People will remember who we are long after they have forgotten what we have said. They remember our attitude towards life, they remember our personality, some remember our kindness, yet others will remember our harshness. Some will be remembered for their selfless love, and others for their concern for no-one but themselves.

What will you be remembered for?

My friend, don't get so distracted in this busy life that you forget the sacrifice God made for you. He gave His only begotten Son on the cross of Calvary that you and I would be saved from our sins. You can have a home in heaven. Romans 10:13 says "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Confess your sins to Jesus and surrender your life to Him today.

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 Brett Denham, pastor at the First Baptist Church, Wilson.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."



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

St. Joseph's Catholic
Msgr. James E. Hake
West Third

BUSHTON
Holy Name Catholic
Fr. Rick Kotrba
296 Third Rd., (620) 562-3427

United Methodist
Diana Webster, pastor
213 Third, (620) 562-3393

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

CARNEIRO
Carneiro Fellowship Center
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Bill Bristow, speaker

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

St. Joseph's Catholic
Fr. Tony Kulandajesu

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

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

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

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

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

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

DiVine Hope Nazarene
Hoeger Chapel,
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(785) 472-1744
Sunday service: 10 a.m.

St. Bernard's Catholic
Fr. Joshua Werth
10th and Kansas, (785) 472-3136
907 Evans, (620) 562-0168.
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m.
Visitors welcome, must contact church by Friday to attend.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran LC – MS
Keith Emshoff, pastor
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Sunday school: 8:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class: 8:30 a.m.
Church service: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Bible Club: 6 p.m.

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

St. Peter Lutheran
Dan Harders, pastor
209 S. County Rd., (785) 252-3275
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Sunday School follows.

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KANOPOLIS
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9:15 a.m. Sunday service
10:30 a.m. Sunday school

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127 N. Missouri, Rectory (785) 472-4874
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First Baptist
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Old Highway 40,
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Sunday service: 10:30 a.m. at the church and on Facebook page. Wednesday evening: 7 p.m. on Facebook Live.

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Church: (785) 658-2191
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Sundays, Wilson 1st Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches.

Immanuel Lutheran – ELCA
Vicar Jacqueline Thornton, interim
2819 Ave. F
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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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JUDGMENT ON PLEA OF GUILTY — Chasity Marie Austin Bonfonti, speeding, \$165.
William Charles Beacham, speeding, \$207.
Lacey L. Bittner, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, \$183.
Jacob E. Bobenmoyer, speeding, \$153.
Dameian Jorge Bossarte, speeding, \$183.
Cecil Everette Burk, speeding, \$201.
Ruben M. Case, speeding, \$153.
David Scott Collins, speeding, \$258.
Amy Lynn Cruz, speeding, \$189.
Justin T. Edwards, driving while a habitual violator, \$678.
Tyrone Goodman, speeding, \$159.
Lawrence Gottenberg, speeding, \$183.
Jon Richard Guimont, speeding, \$195.
Ashlee Rochelle Haines, speeding, \$189.
Jorge F. Hernandez, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, \$303.
Sukhbir Singh Jheeta, parking, standing or stopping in a prohibited area, \$234.
Daren Edward Kingsbury, driving while license was canceled/suspended/revoked, \$428.
Randall W. Kopper, speeding, \$207.
Erik Allen Liston, speeding, \$258.
McKensy Lynne Matthews, speeding, \$171.
Gerald John Meiners Jr., speeding, \$213.
Jared Robert Miller, speeding, \$159.
Michael Brian Muntifer, speeding, \$165.
Senaída Arely Olivares, speeding, \$165.
Brittney R. Pearson, failure to wear seat belt, \$30.
Gayle Lavenia Pledger, speeding, \$159.
Ian Montgomery Popp, speeding, \$165.
Jose Quezada, speeding.
Jesus Sanchez, speeding, \$177.
Drew L. Schatte, speeding, \$183.
Khianne Schaus, speeding, \$153.
Zoe R. Schrader, speeding, \$231.
Frederick O. Schweizer III, speeding, \$171.
Evan James Stafford, speeding, \$165.
Kellie Renaye Strickland, speeding, \$195.
Carlos Ernesto Torres Rodriguez, speeding, \$189.
Mark Allen Vopat, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.
Allen Michael Voss, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.
Ronald Wayne Wallace II, speeding, \$183.
Kongfei Wang, speeding, \$183.
Kaitlyn Marie Wolters, speeding, \$189.
Damian Michael Words, speeding, \$171.
Tyler Steven Wright, speeding, \$222.

DEFERRED ADJUDICATION — Jenelle M. Demarre Krick, speeding, \$258.
Amber Rachelle Demel, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.
Lauri Anne Hunsucker, speeding, \$258.
Diana Spencer, speeding, \$258.

DISPOSED DUE TO FAILURE TO APPEAR — Samuel Emerson Allen, speeding, \$371.
Luis M. Angel, speeding, \$207.
Greggory Bailey, speeding, \$183.
Michael Andrew Cerrone, speeding, \$177.
Karen Kathleen Chestnut, vehicle liability insurance required, \$530.
James Stephens Cottingham II, speeding, \$183.
Gene Paul Cummings, permits for oversize or overweight vehicles.
Marquis Latrell Mitchell Davis, speeding, \$303.
Melanie Teresa Escobar, speeding, \$201.
Dixi Caridad Gamez Gonzalez, speeding, \$1,000; operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.
Oswaldo Alejandro Gonzalez, speeding, \$153.
Mia Brittany Gordon, speeding, \$249.
Robert Anderson Gunn, speeding, \$153.
Jeffrey John Hartung, vehicles, unlawful acts, registration.
Jose Armando Hernandez Olmedo, speeding, \$207.
Heath Oreilly Herndon, speeding, \$171.
Destinee Rose Hudson, speeding, \$275.
Rachel Marie Kleine, speeding, \$275.
Sylvette K. Longmire, speeding, \$303.
Wyatt Kevin Lund, speeding, driving while license was canceled/suspended/revoked.
Rogelio Junior Martinez, speeding, \$171.
Dwyone M. Maxwell, speeding, \$318.
Cynthia Marie Medlin, speeding,

\$159; vehicles, unlawful acts, registration, \$75.
Paden Robert Meinhold, speeding, \$159.
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Seth Thomas Waris, speeding, \$275.
Tashianna Marie Wilkerson, speeding, \$153.

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NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS —
At 7:40 a.m. April 20, Tiffany M. Wuthnow, 33, Lyons, was driving north-east on Fifth Road in a 2013 Ford Edge. Just north of 2425 Fifth Road, she drove into slush which caused the Edge to veer off the road to the east. The car hit a power line pole and came to rest on the east side of Fifth Road. No injuries were reported.
At 9:08 p.m. April 20, Mark A. Goatley, 48, Lorraine, was driving north on Fifth Road in a 2000 Chrysler Caravan. Between Ave. P and Ave. O he topped a small hillcrest and hit a herd of five cattle standing in the road. No injuries were reported. The van was disabled in the accident and the cattle, which were owned by Andrew F. Svoboda of Holyrood, dispersed in several different directions. Goatley said at least two of the cattle appeared to have been injured in the accident. Svoboda was contacted and he secured his cattle.
At 11:38 p.m. April 23, Shane R. Ringle, 34, Holyrood, was driving on K-140 Highway in a 2005 Nissan Altima. Just west of 27th Road, he swerved to miss a deer and hit a wooden three rail fence. In the process a portion of the fencing and six fence posts owned by Gail J. Bettenbrock of Brookville were destroyed and three miniature donkeys were released. According to the crash report, Ringle left the scene eastbound without reporting the accident to the proper authorities. He was later located and cited for leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report. No injuries were reported.
At 6:15 a.m. April 27, Heather M. Vaughan-Meier, 44, Lorraine, was driving north on 10th Road in a 1999 Oldsmobile van. Just north of K-4 Highway, she hit a deer. Neither Vaughan-Meier nor her passenger, Skylar Vaughan-Meier, 15, Lorraine, were injured.
HIT AND RUN — At 12:30 p.m. April 23, the unknown driver of a Federal Express van was driving west on Ave. T. Just west of 14th Road, the van hit a temporary road closure sign owned by the Ellsworth County Highway Department and continued west on Ave. T. Shortly after, the van proceeded east on Ave. T. The driver did not report the crash.
BATTERY/CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY — On April 7, deputies investigated a report involving a battery and criminal damage to property at 615 27th Street in Wilson. The victims were Jonathan L. Schartz of Wilson and Joseph J. Curtriss of Ellinwood. Damaged was a white 2007 Toyota 4runner valued at \$500. No arrests were made. A report has been forwarded to the Ellsworth County attorney.
WELFARE CHECK/MISSING PERSON — On April 7, deputies responded to 616 North Kansas Ave. in Kanopolis for a welfare check/missing person report. The victim was Hailey M. Bunch of Kanopolis.
MISSING ADULT — On April 7, deputies responded to 237 Stanley Street in Lorraine for a report of a missing adult. The victim was Rhonda S. Barnhill of Lorraine.

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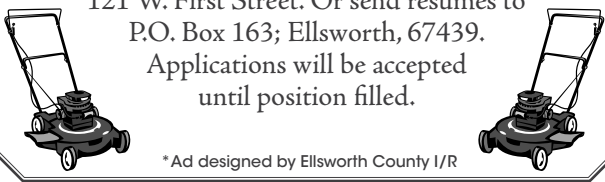
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Lucy Vopat Estate

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

**In the Matter of the Estate
of Case No. 2017-PR-000048
Lucy Vopat a/k/a Lucy J. Vopat, Deceased**

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Veronica Kyler, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Lucy Vopat a/k/a Lucy J. Vopat, Deceased, praying petitioner's acts be approved; that the account be settled and allowed; that the heirs be determined; that the Court approve the payment of the attorney fees and expenses; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Lucy Vopat a/k/a Lucy J. Vopat, Deceased, and that Petitioner be released from any and all further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 27, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. in the Ellsworth County District Court, Ellsworth County Courthouse, 210 N. Kansas, Ellsworth, KS 67439, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Veronica Kyler, Administrator

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Mary L. Herrman Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter, Thursday, May 20 2021)

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

**In the Matter of the Estate
of Case No. 2020-PR-000024
MARY L. HERRMAN, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION
FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Denise Susan Dohrman, the duly appointed, qualified and acting executrix of the estate of Mary L. Herrman, deceased, praying that her acts be approved; the heirs be determined; the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court find the allowances required for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the administration of the estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the petitioner be finally discharged as the executrix of the estate of Mary L. Herrman, deceased, and the petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of June, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of 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 the petition.

Denise Susan Dohrman
Petitioner

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3t 6/3

Virginia B. Urbaneck Estate

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

**In the Matter of the Estate
of Case No. 2021-PR-000015
Virginia B. Urbaneck, Deceased**

NOTICE OF HEARING

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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Jay P. Parrish, an heir at law and Co-Executor of Virginia B. Urbaneck, Deceased, and Co-Trustee of The Urbaneck Trust, requesting that the foreign will of Virginia B. Urbaneck dated September 10, 2003, be admitted to probate and record in this court; that no administration of the Estate is necessary; that the will be construed and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will:

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Jay P. Parrish
Petitioner

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Kanopolis Ordinance for City Office Candidates

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