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JUNE REMINDER

We've extended our offer, but only for a week. So you'd better hurry. Subscribe to the I-R and receive a second subscription to give as a gift. Information: (785) 472-5085.

This also is the weekend for Ellsworth's community garage sales. See Page A8 for a map.

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As of Tuesday, Ellsworth County had 2 active cases of COVID-19. On a scale with blue as the lowest and red the highest, Ellsworth County is in the yellow zone, according to the local health department.



Ross
Janssen's
Weather

June 2 to
June 8

WEDNESDAY 74/55
Partly cloudy

THURSDAY 79/59
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY 81/62
Mostly sunny

SATURDAY 83/65
Mostly sunny

SUNDAY 82/67
Partly cloudy

MONDAY 80/67
Partly cloudy; stray storm chance

TUESDAY 83/68
Partly cloudy

Remembering Our Veterans



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

A United States Air Force Air National Guard Firing Squad from McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita stands at attention during the Memorial Day ceremony in Wilson.

Ellsworth County pays tribute to war dead

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

The cool, rainy weather didn't stop the residents of Ellsworth County from remembering those who have paid the ultimate price for freedom on Memorial Day Monday.

In Ellsworth, Jeremy Ehart, department vice commander of the Kansas American Legion, talked about honor and heroes.

"It was singer, songwriter Bob Dylan that said 'A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom,'" Ehart said. "So, we gather here today to honor our heroes. To honor and remember their achievements, their courage, and their dedication, and to say thank you for their sacrifices. Thinking of the heroes who join us in this group today and those who are here only in spirit, a person can't help but feel awed by the enormity of what we encounter."

Wilson
At Wilson, the weather



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

A member of Wilson American Legion Post 262 places a wreath during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony.

forced organizers of the Memorial Day ceremony to move it from the city cemetery to the Wilson School gym.

Russ Partridge, past commander of the Russell VFW Post 6240, current judge advocate and post adjutant, said as we continue living in the land of the free and the home of the brave, we must continue to remind Americans that freedom is worth fighting for, and, if necessary, dying for.

"In cemeteries across America, and around the

world today, people spread flowers on the graves of those lost," he said. "But today should not be about the sorrow we feel at their loss, and not about mourning; what it should be about is best expressed by General George S. Patton back in 1944 at a military cemetery in France. Looking out across a field filled with rows of crosses marking the graves of men who, just days before, had been part of his Army, Patton said '... we should thank God such men lived.'"

Partridge said that is what Memorial Day is all about.

EHS Class of 2021 go for the awards

As of this past week, members of the Ellsworth Junior/Senior High School Class of 2021 had received and accepted \$666,246.02 in scholarships. Here is an individual breakdown: College and university scholarships

• **Eric Andalon** — FHSU Victor E. Scholarship \$2,750 (renewable for 3 years-\$11,000)

• **Kelsey Ashbaugh** — FHSU Honors College Tier 2 Scholarship \$6,700 (renewable for 3 years-\$26,800); Dane Hansen Student Scholarship (renewable for 1 year \$8,000); Charles & Velma Westerman Scholarship \$1,000; VFW Irene Pacey Memorial Scholarship \$300; Milton F. Beighley Scholarship \$150.

• **Hannah Brown** — Cloud County Ernest G. and Ellen E Briggs Scholarship \$1,200; Cloud County Vice Presidential Scholarship \$800; Dane Hansen Career & Technical Education Scholarship \$4,000 (renewable for 1 year-\$8,000); Dr. & Mrs. Mark Leiker Scholarship \$750.

• **Jaret Brungardt** — KSU Polytechnic Experience Matters Scholarship \$4,000.

• **Jasmine Conley** — Friends University Presidential Scholarship \$12,000; Friends University Fine Arts Scholarship \$900; Dane Hansen Career & Technical Education Scholarship \$4,000 (renewable for 1 year-\$8,000); After Prom Scholarship \$250.

• **Jaycee Cunningham** — FHSU Tiger Pride Scholarship \$3,750 (Renewable 3 years-\$15,000); Dane Hansen Student Scholarship \$4,000 (renewable for 1 year \$8,000); Golden Plains Credit Union Scholarship \$500; Ellsworth First United Methodist Church \$250; Dr. & Mrs. Mark Leiker Scholarship \$750; VFW Irene Pacey Memorial Scholarship \$300; After Prom Scholarship \$250

• **Lilly Decouteau** — Barton County Upward Bound Scholarship Books & Tuition; H&B Communications Scholarship \$1,000

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Candidates seek seats on local councils

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

As of the noon Tuesday, June 1, deadline, several candidates had officially filed for election to open seats on the Ellsworth County's two school boards and five city councils.

The names of these candidates will be on the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election ballot. Candidates are:

City Councils

In Ellsworth, the seats of Mayor Mark Kennedy and council members Steve Magette and Tyler Renard are up for re-election. As of the deadline, Chris Rios and Dan Finnegan had filed for mayor, and Renard and Aaron Johnson had filed for a council seat.

In Wilson, Mayor Mike Peschka and council members Dan Taylor and David Criswell

are up for re-election. As of the deadline, Peschka had filed for mayor and Taylor and Jeffery Keith had filed for council.

In Kanopolis, Mayor Anthony Hopkins and council members Greg Tripp and Rebekah Tripp are up for election. As of the deadline, Hopkins had filed for mayor and Rebekah Tripp had filed for council.

In Lorraine, two council members, Peter Solie and Joshua Visocky and one vacant council seat are open. As of the deadline, Solie, Kash Travnichek and James Homolka had filed for council seats.

In Holyrood, three council members, Sharon Smith, Patrick Siemsen and Kenny Gieselman, are up for re-election. Only Smith had filed for a council seat by deadline.

School Boards

For the Ellsworth-Kanopolis-

Geneseo USD 327 board of education, three board members, David Hand (District 1, Position 4), Peggy Svaty (District 3, Position 3), and Elizabeth Donley (District 3, Position 6) are up for re-election. As of the deadline, only Hand had filed for re-election.

For the Holyrood-based Central Plains USD 112 board of education, three board members, Tony Zink (District 6, rural Clafin), Jacob Charvat (District 2, Dorrance), and Tami Schepmann (District 4, Holyrood), face re-election.

As of the deadline, Roger L. Robinson of Wilson had filed for the District 2, Dorrance, seat; Allison Koch of Holyrood had filed for the District 4, Holyrood, seat; and Dalton R. Wirth of Ellinwood and Joni G. Zink of Bushton had each filed for the District 6, rural Clafin, seat.

ON TO THE VOTERS

- During the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election registered Ellsworth County voters will decide who fills open seats on their city councils.
- Registered voters in Ellsworth and Rice counties will decide who sits on the USD 327 board of education.
- Registered voters in Ellsworth, Russell, Lincoln, Barton and Rice counties will decide who joins the USD 112 board of education.

I-R Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

BY THE NUMBERS: Ellsworth County Economic Development presents local census data at a 9 a.m. Zoom meeting. Registration required. Information: (785) 472-9204.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

SAVE A LIFE: The Wilson bloodmobile is from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Wilson's First Baptist Church, 2710 Ave A. Appointments: (800) 733-2767 or redcrossblood.org

HISTORY IN ACTION: The Geneseo City Museum sponsors a dinner program on the "Old Salt Road" at 5:30 p.m. Good will donation. Bring lawn chairs. See Page A5 for more information.

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 vaccines, Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson, will be offered to appropriate age groups. No appointment is necessary.

SHOP ALL DAY: The Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter sponsors Ellsworth's annual community garage sale. See map on Page A8 and additional garage sale listing on B7.

NEVER FORGET: Ellsworth resident Mildred Janzen is at the Ellsworth County Historical Society Research Building at 10 a.m. to answer questions about her book, "Surviving Hitler, Evading Stalin." She will autograph copies of the book, which are available in the society gift shop, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND: The public is invited to meet Keren, a community comfort dog sponsored by the Immanuel Lutheran Church, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Krizek Park.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

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.

SCHOOL BUSINESS: The Ellsworth/Kanopolis/Geneseo USD 327 board of education meets at 7 p.m. at the district office. The public can only attend by Zoom. Go to USD327.org for the link.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: The public is invited to a County Comprehensive Planning session at 7 p.m. at Ellsworth's J.H Robbins Memorial Library. See Page A6 for details.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

HELPING THOSE IN NEED: The Ellsworth County Cancer Fund stages its 12th annual Triathlon. More information in the June 10 I-R.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

FLAG CEREMONY: The Wilson Sons of the American Legion Squadron 262 conducts a ceremony to dispose of unserviceable flags at 5:30 p.m. at American Legion Park in Wilson. Dinner for a free-will offering will be served at 6 p.m. at the Wilson American Legion post home.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

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

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I-R Obituaries

Gary W. Belt (1947-2020)

Gary W. Belt, 72, passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020, at his home in Ellsworth. He was born Dec. 24, 1947 in Ellsworth to Elmer Belt and Charldene "Elsie" (Kanak) Belt.

Gary was a lifelong resident of Ellsworth where he graduated from Ellsworth High School. He married Mary Ann Nondorf on March 23, 1968. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and then many years for Ellsworth Co-op. Gary served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a loyal member of the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174 where he was a past commander.



Mr. Belt

Gary is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of Ellsworth; daughter, Nikki Maupin (Barry) of Lucas; grandsons, Chyler Hudson of Kanopolis, Kline Keller (Audrey) of Kalispell, Mont., and Jesse Kidd of Ellsworth; step-grandchildren, Mia, Keera, McKaylee, Zayne, and Braelyn Maupin all of Lucas; sister, Judy Thompson of Wichita; and brothers, Earl 'Beaver' Belt (Carol) of Las Vegas, Nev. and Tim Belt (Nettie) of Ellsworth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Melissa 'Misty' Belt.

Celebration of life service is at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth with inurnment following in the Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174 or Good Shepherd Hospice of Newton, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com



Lila Svoboda Robinson (1924-2020)

After a full, happy life, Lila Svoboda Robinson was reunited with her family in heaven on Oct. 20, 2020. Lila was born in Hill City, Kan. Oct. 30, 1924 to Louis and Anna (Lilak) Svoboda.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Carol and Betty, brother, Bill and husband, Winfred (Rob) Robinson. Lila's adventure in life began at an early age, living through the events of the Great Depression. She graduated from high school, in 1941, then attended Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan., where she received her teaching certificate in 1943 and taught for one year at the Saline River School in Ellis County and a second year at the Cheyenne Bottoms School in Barton County. While working for a brief period at the Munitions Depot during WWII, Lila joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps program and attended St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kan., receiving her registered nurses' license in 1947. She was especially proud of this accomplishment and continued her nursing career at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



Mrs. Robinson

She met her future husband, Winfred (Rob) Robinson on a blind date while attending nursing school. The date turned into a love story and 51 happy and successful years together. She was an extremely proud and very devoted mother of their seven children, Don, Ted, Bill, Karla, Chuck, Pam, Tricia; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Her appetite for knowledge and education was insatiable, with a passion for reading anything and everything. Interests included art appreciation, coin collecting, sign language and anything to do with Kansas. She enjoyed a good debate on all subjects including politics, religion, sports, history, with a broad range of knowledge, past and present, but was happy to take time to listen and discuss, without passing judgment, anything that was on your mind.

Lila was always busy, and knew no strangers but was a friend to everyone, offering a helping hand in any way possible. Her love for children was displayed by her involvement with Operation Kinderlift while stationed overseas in Germany. She was very active in PTA, 4-H, FHA, Sunday School, the Methodist Church, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, you name it, she would volunteer. She lived life to the fullest, with joy in her heart, all while humming her favorite tune along the way.

Graveside inurnment services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Pawnee Rock Cemetery, with Reverend Dick Ogle presiding.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net

Arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, Kan. 67530.

Smoky Hill Museum to extend hours

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

SALINA — The Smoky Hill Museum returned to pre-pandemic hours Tuesday, June 1. Hours were temporarily reduced to provide safety measures for visitors and guests.

"We are excited to return to our longer hours," said Museum Director Susan Hawksworth. "Now that the public is more comfortable getting out and about, we wanted to give them ample time to visit the Museum."

Museum staff will continue with heightened cleaning, and the Museum and its galleries have been treated with Prevent X, a long-lasting antimicrobial that provides continuous surface protection in between regular cleaning and disinfecting. In addition, all interactive elements will soon be available.

Visitors will also be able to view the new exhibit, The Crossroads, which celebrates the birth, growth and change of downtown Salina. The exhibit sponsors are Cargill,

Hutton, Pestinger Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., United Capital Management and Salina Blue.

The Smoky Hill Museum is a nationally accredited history museum in the heart of downtown Salina, Kansas. The free museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Stop by the Museum Store for a wide variety of regional and Kansas products, local artwork, books and gifts for all ages.

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The bus will not be available
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Kid Scoop Together: How to Draw a Tiger

How Tigers Got Their Stripes

A Folktale from Vietnam

Make a tiny story book and read it to a friend or little sister or brother!

HOW TO MAKE A TINY STORY BOOK

1. Number each part of the story and each picture in order. Cut them all out.
2. Match the words with the pictures in the correct order.
3. Paste each set of matching words and picture on a small piece of construction paper to make nine individual pages.
4. Draw a cover and staple the pages together to make a tiny book.

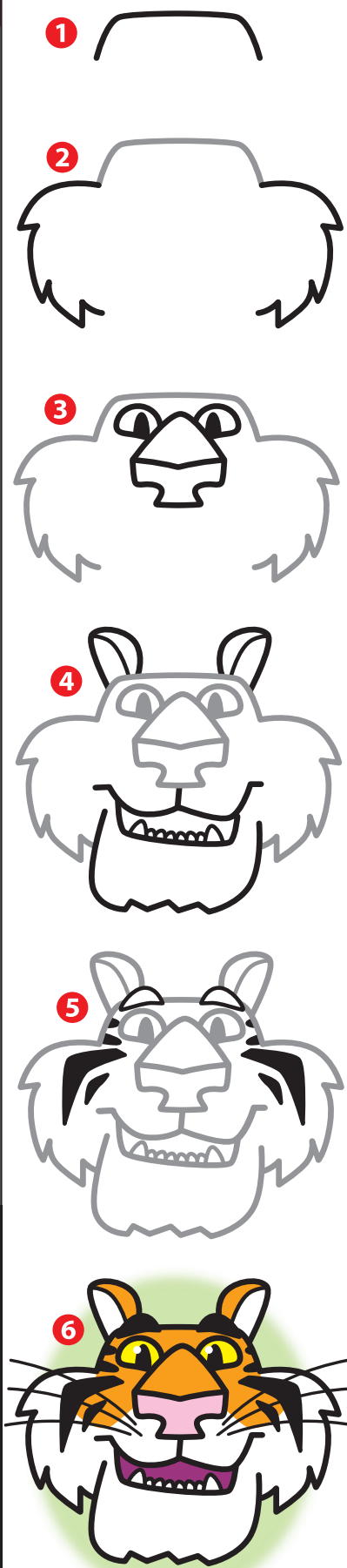
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| <p>The other animals thought the stripes looked funny. Even today Tiger hides in the shadows. And he is still searching for wisdom.</p> | <p>One morning, Tiger saw his big, strong friend, Water Buffalo, pulling a plow in a field. A man was telling Water Buffalo what to do.</p> |
| <p>Tiger realized that he'd been tricked. He was furious as he pulled and clawed until he broke free of the ropes at last. But all that struggling had burned stripes into his beautiful golden fur!</p> | <p>Long ago, Tiger was one of the proudest animals in the jungle. He was proud of his long fangs, his sharp claws and his beautiful golden fur.</p> |
| <p>Tiger asked Water Buffalo, "Why do you listen to that strange little animal? He has no claws or fangs or even beautiful golden fur."</p> | <p>Tiger wanted wisdom very badly, so he agreed to be tied to the tree. Then the man left with his goats. Tiger waited and waited. He waited for a day. But the man never came back.</p> |
| <p>The man said, "Wait here. I will go home and get wisdom for you. But first, please let me tie you to this tree so that you don't eat my goats."</p> | <p>The next morning, Tiger saw the man walking home with his herd of goats. "STOP!" Tiger roared. "Give me your wisdom or I will eat you!"</p> |
| <p>Let's Talk! Which character in this folktale was wise? Why do you think that? Talk about it with a family member.</p> | <p>Water Buffalo replied, "Tiger, that animal is a human. He does not need claws or fangs. Humans have wisdom." Tiger thought to himself, "Wow! I must get wisdom!"</p> |

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Extra! Extra! Wisdom Words

Think of a phrase that you think is wise. For example, "Treat others as you would want people to treat you." Look through the newspaper to find and cut out the words that make this sentence. Glue the words onto a piece of paper to remind you of this piece of wisdom.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What is a folktale?

How Tiger Got Its Stripes is a folktale from Vietnam. Folktales are stories that get passed from generation to generation. They can change as different people tell them over time. As such, they are created by "the folk," or the people. Long ago, these tales were spoken and never written down.



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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Famous Folktales

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Fill in the missing vowels to discover the names of other folktales you probably have read or heard.

Have you read these? If not, look for them at your local library. Have a family folktale theater night! Make puppets of the characters and perform a show of the folktale, or just act out the parts with your family members.

Double Double Word Search

- FOLKTALE
- SHADOWS
- VIETNAM
- BUFFALO
- STRIPES
- WISDOM
- SPOKEN
- TIGER
- WATER
- ROPES
- GOATS
- CLAWS
- TREE
- TALE
- FUR

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

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A F G W R P E W T O
T F O T I G E R A K
K U A R I S E S L E
L B T S D E D O E N
O S S H A D O W S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **WISDOM**

The noun **wisdom** means the ability and quality of having knowledge.

Kayla gained **wisdom** from reading many books.

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

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OUR VETERANS

Downtown banners reflect the true meaning of Memorial Day

If you haven't visited downtown Ellsworth recently, we would encourage you to do so. Thanks to the organizational efforts of Tami McGreevy and the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce, banners featuring the photos of individual veterans hang from light poles on Douglas Avenue and other streets.

It's an impressive project — 47 banners on Douglas, eight each on 2nd and 1st streets and four on N. Main. The banners were designed by Melissa Oberle of Ellsworth.

They were displayed for the first time over Memorial Day weekend. They will continue to grace downtown through Flag Day and July 4. The banners will then be placed in storage until Veterans Day in November.

McGreevy described the response to the banner project as "wonderful." She said Oberle worked with individual families to guarantee satisfaction.

"It was just a beautiful project all around," she said.



Transgender athletes belong

This is in response to the Op-Ed, "Protect Title Nine from unfair competition."

First of all, trans lives matter and transgender people deserve to play sports. The legislation proposed in Kansas to ban trans women from playing sports is part of a wave of transphobic bills across the United States to limit participation and control bodies.

Across the U.S., state legislators introduced some 35 bills throughout the country that limits or prohibit transgender women from competing in women's athletics.



Sophia Ford
Guest columnist

These hateful and transphobic bills speak to the issues of assigning gender at birth and the fraught social construction of gender than the fairness of sports. This is not some "transgender thing" but discrimination and devaluing humanity. It is not the case that a "male thinks he is female," they are women.

Gender is a social construction, meaning

gender refers to characters that vary over time.

Gender is most often assigned at birth based on biological sex, though sex is far more complicated than the reductive binary it becomes and sex is not the same as gender.

Cis-gender refers to those who align with the gender they were assigned at birth, and transgender for those who do not identify with their assigned gender.

Transgender is also often used as an umbrella term for those who are genderqueer, agender, gender nonconforming, non-binary,

and more. Simply put, gender changes over time, and people can identify with whatever gender they desire.

These anti-trans laws discriminate and produce unnecessary and excessive monitoring of bodies. Transgender youth face high rates of violence and discrimination as it is, and more gender-affirming policies and practices are needed to save lives.

Sophia Ford is a former resident of Wilson who now is a PhD student at the University of Oregon in environmental studies and geography.

For the cause of freedom

Mary Jane Cantrell was born in December of 1848 in Jackson County Mo. Her brother Hiram was born in 1850. Their mother Thirza (Land) Cantrell later died, the date being undocumented. Their father, Jacob Cantrell remarried on Aug. 8, 1852, to Rebecca Stacey.

In 1855 Jacob Cantrell moved his family to Kansas, settling near Palmyra, north of present-day Baldwin, Kan. In 1924, Mary wrote of those early days in Kansas in a letter to the Lawrence Daily Journal.

"We stopped in the woods about three or four miles from it (Palmyra). Father with his ax and saw and broadax went to work and put up a little cabin. We lived in and out of the wagon until the cabin was ready to move into. That was as soon as the roof was on. It had neither floor nor door. Only an opening for the door and at night the wolves would come in and we could hear them sniffing around. Then Father would make a noise and they would run out. Oh how scared I was! I was about eight years old."



'Cowboy' Jim Gray
The Way West

Mary recalled that by the winter of 1855-56 they moved into a two-room log house within the town of Palmyra. There were only three other houses in the town at the time.

The editor of the Kansas Herald of Freedom, George Washington (G. W.)

G. W. Brown wrote that Kansas Territory was in a state of "revolutionary confusion" in the spring of 1856. Lawrence was "sacked." The Herald of Freedom's office was burned, and the press destroyed.

Brown, wrote of Cantrell in his Oct. 24, 1857, edition.

Brown recalled that Cantrell told Brown that upon his arrival in Kansas he felt as if "he had entered a new world."

Brown said that Cantrell was, "Elevated with the prospect of speedily securing a fortune and the great blessing and privilege of rearing and educating his

children in a free community ... (Cantrell) entered into all our plans of improvement, both in church and State, with a hearty will and a ready co-operation."

Prior to coming to Kansas Cantrell had lived on the farm of Otho Hall in Jackson County, Mo. Cantrell hauled Hall's produce by wagon to the fledgling town of Lawrence, Kan.

Recognizing a kindred spirit among the Lawrence settlers, Cantrell had the words

heard Hall threaten her father, saying he would kill him if it took 20 years. Cantrell being "wholly unarmed" was severely cut when Hall turned the knife on him. Cantrell only escaped by driving his team swiftly away.

Undoubtedly the event led Jacob Cantrell to promptly move his family to Kansas in 1855.

G. W. Brown wrote that Kansas Territory was in a state of "revolutionary confusion" in the spring of 1856. Lawrence

was "sacked." The Herald of Freedom's office was burned, and the press destroyed. Militias were formed for the defense of many of the frontier towns including Palmyra.

In the aftermath of the sack of Lawrence, Old John Brown and his sons killed five men on Pottawatomie Creek near present-day Lane, Kan. Capt. Henry Clay Pate, commander of the pro-slavery Westport Sharpshooters was commissioned deputy United States marshal before his unit joined a mission to hunt down Old Brown.

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From Our Readers

Your support needed for cemetery directory and mapping project

Dear Editor:

The City has taken on a new project that may be of interest to the citizens of Ellsworth and the general public. I'd like to share information about the project and how their help can help it come to fruition.

After attending a recent funeral service, it became evident that our cemeteries have no visible means to locate loved ones. A cemetery directory and mapping service would be beneficial to the community and the descendants of Ellsworth citizens.

After researching options Rusty Varnado, city administrator, presented a proposal at the May 24 council meeting to purchase the software that would provide this service to both cemeteries. This software would be connected to the city website. It would allow patrons of the cemeteries the ability to look up the internet, provide GPS capability to find a particular grave, show available plots and secure their purchase, provide site inventory for the city, and free the time of city employees who currently answer these requests. Additionally, the service allows relatives the option to add pictures, obituaries, and veteran information, and provide genealogy information as well.

After reviewing the proposal, the Council voted to provide up to \$9,000 in support of the project. The balance of the cost, \$17,000, will be raised by grants and donations. The city will set up a special account for any donations received. Contributions made to this project are tax deductible.

This project is long overdue. I hope the citizens of Ellsworth and anyone with connections to the cemeteries will see the benefit to our community and support this project to make it happen. If you would like to make a donation toward the project, please contact City Hall at (785) 472-5566.

Sincerely,
Terry W. Kepka
Ellsworth

On the Old Salt Road

In 1855, a new route was surveyed from Fort Riley to the Santa Fe Trail. Wagons carried freight passed near present-day Geneseo along the "Salt Road" on their way to Cow Creek (west of Lyons).

Early-day frontiersman Smoky Hill Thompson built a trading post along the trail in 1859, to establish the first settlement in what would later be Ellsworth County.

Friday, June 4, the Geneseo City Museum celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail with An Evening on the Old Salt Road.

Join us for camp stew and biscuits at 5:30 p.m. Donations accepted.

Smoky Hill Thompson will tell tales of life on the plains, portrayed by Fox Coe of Manhattan. Dave "Zerf" Zerfas, also of Manhattan, will sing songs of the Kansas frontier, and Jim Gray will relate the history of the Old Salt Road.

It's all on the grounds of the Geneseo City Museum, 907 Silver Ave., Geneseo. Return with us around an evening campfire to the days of the wide-open prairie. Bring a lawn chair.



Fox Coe

Wilson Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

Jeremiah Smith
Anna Thielen
Sam Thielen
Tage Woodmansee

Superintendent —
4.0 GPA

Grace Bohnen
Colin Connell
Cara Criswell
Abby Dlabal
Macie Ortiz
Serenity Steinike
Hallie Thielen

Counselor —

3.5-3.74 GPA
Taylor Barham
Cade Brokes
Connor Charvat
Maddison Cook
Dylan Crawford
Ancil Endsley
Alivia Koch
Kylee Larsen
Kolton Meyer
Briceson Pasek
Katelyn Ritchie
Izack Schulmeister
Garrett Thielen
Kami Thrasher
Cooper Weinhold

Principal —

3.75-3.99 GPA
Noah Crawford
Skylar Cullens
Olivia Crawford
Christopher Drees
Tyra Meyer
Claire Schiermeyer

Sheriff's Office soars with a drone

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

Ellsworth County Sheriff Murray Marston had exciting news to share at the May 27 meeting of the county's local emergency planning committee.

The sheriff's office now has a drone.

Marston said the drone is equipped with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) device that allows it to search for people at night using the heat signature of their bodies.

"We have two certified, licensed FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) pilots," he said.

The drone pilots are Undersheriff Jamie Montoy and Deputy Dorian Torkelson.

Marston said the drone can fly 20-30 minutes, but the sheriff's department has several batteries which can be charged on a rotating basis.

"We shouldn't run out of power," he said.

In other business:

• Kerianne Ehrlich, supervisor of the Ellsworth County Health Department, said as of May 27, there were two positive cases of COVID-19 in the county.

She said the vaccination rate in the county is 43 percent of the population have been given at least one dose, and 35 percent have been fully vaccinated.

The health department is offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations down to age 12, with the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccinations offered to those 18 and older.

Ehrlich plans to conduct a drive thru COVID-19 vaccination clinic in conjunction with the Ellsworth County Medical Center from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5, in the hospital parking lot.

She said if a person has had COVID-19 and recovered, there is a six month natural immunity. If a person is fully vaccinated for COVID-19, the six month time frame has been removed.

"They haven't come out with when a booster will be needed," Ehrlich said. "More than likely

one will be needed, but they say it will probably last for at least a year."

Ehrlich said she plans to begin having flu shots available in September.

She said the health department purchased a fit testing machine for N-95 masks using grant funds.

• Keith Haberer, emergency management director for Ellsworth and Russell counties, said he purchased new tables and chairs for the basement meeting room in the county courthouse with funds from a \$14,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management. Also purchased was an air purifier, a white board and a big screen LED monitor.

• Dale Houston, county road and bridge superintendent, said a survey was recently done on the county roads to specifically identify places where signs are needed as part of a local road safety plan.

• Marston said the sheriff office should be receiving 20 flood signs to use with barricades around November or December.

Marshall opens Salina office

U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. has opened a Salina office at 204 S. Santa Fe, Suite 1, Salina, Kan. 67401.

"I am thrilled to announce that folks in north-central Kansas can work with my staff in Salina to voice their concerns and receive the assistance they need," Sen. Marshall said.

Gray

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His sons were captured, but Pate missed the notorious father. Pate went into camp with his prisoners southeast of Palmyra on Black Jack Creek. The local militias, including the Palmyra Guard attacked Pate's camp under the command of Old Brown on June 2, 1856. Pate and his men were taken captive.

Jacob Cantrell recognized some of his former Missouri neighbors among the prisoners. Col. Sumner arrived with U. S troops on June 5, released Pate and his men, and ordered them to leave the territory.

Mary Jane wrote that several times Missouri men tried to catch her father. He often slept in the woods away from the house. Before Pate's men left the territory they captured Cantrell, taking him with them as they moved toward Missouri. Going into camp at Cedar Creek, 20 miles east of Black Jack, Cantrell was told that he could gain his freedom by joining his old neighbors in the fight against the abolitionists. "No never!" was his answer.

His captors found him guilty of "treason to Missouri." He was tied to a tree and summarily shot. It was said that with each shot he cried out, "My God!" His body was found several days later, mostly devoured by wild animals.

In the words of G. W. Brown, Cantrell had seen and felt the influence of that hydra-headed monster that even then was gnawing at the vitals of the country.

Mrs. Cantrell gave birth Oct. 31 to a fine boy who was named for his father. Jacob Cantrell has largely been forgotten as one of the first martyrs in the cause for freedom. Long may he live in his rightful place of honor among the pages of The Way West.

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

Revitalization plan due for renewal

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

A discussion of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program dominated the agenda at the May 24 meeting of the Ellsworth County commissioners.

Carl Miller, county appraiser, said the NRP, which has been in existence since 2008, is a refund of the property taxes to the property

owner which would otherwise be payable on the actual value added to a property due to a qualified improvement made (be it new construction or rehabilitation of an existing structure).

The current NRP ends Dec. 31.

Miller plans to meet with the county and other participants — the Cities of Ellsworth, Kanopolis, Holyrood, Wilson and Lorraine, along with the Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327, the

Central Plains USD 112 — to review the program and encourage discussion.

"It's been a very good program," Miller said to the commissioners. "I would like to see you renew it."

The new five-year plan would begin Jan. 1, 2022 and run until Dec. 31, 2026.

Miller said once he has met with each one of the participants,

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AUCTION

Saturday, June 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
265 Ave. Q, Holyrood, KS
From intersection of Hwy. 156 & 4th Road (SW of Holyrood)
go 3 1/2 miles north to Q and 1 1/2 west

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Central Machinery 6" jointer; 12 1/2 in planer; log chains; Earthquake gas post hole digger; large Columbian vice; sprayer for ATV; chop saw; Ryobi scroll saw; Tradesman table saw; Ryobi band saw; Stihl chain saw; Clark metal saw; Clark pan cake air compressor; Duracraft lathe; Duracraft grinder on stand; HCC drill press; Carolina air bumper jack; Chicago 3500 watt generator new in box; 3 T. floor jack; wheel barrow; metal detector; propane bottles; air grease gun; 4 1/2 inch right angle grinder; aluminum extension ladder; bottle jacks; hand and garden tools

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I_R Farm & City

Meeting will seek input on future of Ellsworth County

Through a partnership with the North Central Regional Planning Commission in Beloit, Ellsworth County is undergoing a County Comprehensive Planning process. On Wednesday, June 9, the hired consulting team of Marvin Planning Consultants and MSA Planning + Design plans a town hall-style information gathering. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library, 219 N. Lincoln Ave., Ellsworth.

back regarding the future of the county. The meeting will be organized to allow those desiring social distancing to participate. Residents also will be able to Zoom into the meeting and participate on a limited basis. A comprehensive plan is a document driven by data, as well as local desires, needs and input. The Ellsworth County Comprehensive Plan will examine county demographics, natural and environmental issues, existing and future land uses, and any specific strategies needing to be examined and included for future planning. The

final plan is meant to provide a vision for the future of Ellsworth County supplying new strategies and guides for achieving the desired vision. Any resident of Ellsworth County is invited to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions regarding the county comprehensive planning effort or would like to request Zoom information for the meeting, please call Emily Benedick, executive director of the North Central Regional Planning Commission, at (785) 738-2218.

IN BRIEF

ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY

Wheat price down again for the week

Prices paid for grain at the Ellsworth Co-op at the end of the business day, Friday, May 28, were: Wheat, bu. — \$5.83, down 2 cents from May 24. Milo, bu. — \$6.47, unchanged. Soybeans, bu. — \$14.80, up 13 cents. Corn, bu. — \$6.77, unchanged. The co-op has locations in Ellsworth, Black Wolf, Farhman, Hitschmann, Holyrood and Kanopolis

Kanopolis Council renews insurance

At a special meeting of the Kanopolis City Council May 25, approval was given to renew the city's insurance coverage with EMC Insurance for the next year. The cost of the insurance coverage is \$40,484.

Wilson hires part-time Police chief

During a May 28 special meeting of the Wilson City Council, Joshua Tipton was hired and approved as Wilson's temporary, part-time Police chief. Tipton resigned his job as Police chief late last month. His part-time assignment is effective June 1 at \$15 per hour.

NEW HOME FOR ECODEVO



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County I-R

Stacie Schmidt, executive director of the Ellsworth County Economic Development, with scissors in hand, cuts the ribbon May 28 to open her new office at 107 West Third Street in downtown Ellsworth. With Schmidt are, from left, Pastor Zach Ullom, Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce board president; Alice Robson, chamber ambassador; Jon Halbgebachs, Jennie Freeman, Justin Lindsley, Mabelle VanTrump, chamber ambassador; and Pete Solie.

Commissioners

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he will bring the plan, along with any changes each entity might want to include, back to the commissioners for approval. The commissioners will then sign an interlocal agreement to initiate the new NRP.

In other business:
• Ron Etchison of the Ellsworth County Council on Aging said he sent a letter to the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging in Manhattan requesting the \$7,491 paid by the county in 2021 as payment for a past balance be forgiven for the fiscal years 2016-20. He also requested that sum, which pays for expenses associated with the Senior Care Act, be included in the Ellsworth County Council on Aging's annual budget. Etchison received a response indicating the \$7,491 be taken out of Ellsworth County's share of the American Recovery Plan Act funds. A second response Etchison received from the area agency proposed that the \$7,491 be forgiven if the ECCA would pay \$7,500 to cover COVID expenses.



Cooking Up 150 Years of News

The Ellsworth Reporter celebrates a major milestone

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

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

Please send your recipes to community@indyrepnews.com.

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

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ANNIVERSARY

Larry and Elaine Henne on their wedding day, right, and today, below.



Hennes to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Larry and Elaine Henne, Holyrood, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 5.

Larry Henne and Elaine Pfeifer were married June 5, 1971 at the St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria, Kan.

Larry graduated from Roxbury High School in 1966 and then graduated from Bethany College in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics. He worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad during the summers, then worked at Pepsi-Cola in Lyons, Kan. until taking the position of cashier and vice-president at The Bank of Holyrood in February, 1971. He worked there for 10 years then assumed the position of executive vice-president of the Lorraine State Bank on March 2, 1981. At that time, he became a major stockholder in the Lorraine bank and took on the management of the bank. He has since been the president of the Lorraine State Bank until March 15, 2021 when First Kansas Bank purchased the Lorraine State Bank. He continues to work at the Lorraine branch of First Kansas Bank in Lorraine as the Senior Vice-President.

Elaine graduated from Morland High School in 1969 and then graduated from Colby Community College in 1971. She completed her degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Speech Pathology from Fort Hays State in 1973. She has been a substitute teacher and continues to substitute teach for many school districts including the former USD 328 Quivira Heights, USD 112 Central Plains, and USD 401 Chase/Raymond. She was also the Quivira Heights High School tennis coach from 1990 to 2009.

The Henne's have two daughters, Eunice and Mike Zamrzla, Wichita, Kan. and Marla and Gene Mooney Hoisington, Kan.; and a son, Lance and Audra Henne, Wichita.

The couple has seven grandchildren, Easton Zamrzla, Wichita, Braden, Mallory, Leyton, and Xander Mooney, Hoisington, and Paxton and Sienna Henne, Wichita.

The couple will be celebrating with a small gathering of family and friends at the Midland Hotel in Wilson, Kan., hosted by their children, Eunice Zamrzla, Marla Mooney, and Lance Henne.

READY, SET GO!



Courtesy Photo

The Ellsworth Boy Scouts of America Troop 84 held the Pinewood Derby Monday, May 17, at the Cub Scouts Cabin south of town. The Pinewood Derby is more than just a race of wooden cars. It is a character building activity showcasing a scouts ability to build the fastest car. This means researching the most aerodynamic shape. It also takes precision skill in knowing where and how much weight to add to the car to get a perfectly balanced 5 oz. derby car. Pictured from left are Jack Kelley, Hunter Walker, Logan Murphey, and Levi Andreson.

FOOD, FUN AND MUSIC



Courtesy photo

Savannah Chestnut of Emporia, a singer that competed on the popular NBC program "The Voice," sings a song May 22 during LegionFest in Ellsworth. LegionFest was a community celebration in support of the Ellsworth American Legion.

Club News

PYW FCE

Members of the Dorrance PYW FCE met May 6 at the home of Mary Lee Bohnen.

Roll call was taken by members attending Mary Lee Bohnen, Skye Demel, Rita Habbart, Betty Jo Lloyd, Donna Fay Major, Anita Patton, Lori Reeves and Mary Ann Thill.

Minutes from the April 13 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Bills were submitted and paid.

Rita, Mary Ann and Betty Jo attended the NW FCE conference April 22 in Stockton. At the conference, the PYW club received its 2020 gold seal and was also recognized for 70 years of existence. During the PYW meeting, the three shared stories about the speaker at their conference, who was a chicken whisperer. The speaker had brought in one of her pet chickens and told the attendees which types of chickens she felt made the best pets. PYW members then shared their chicken experiences and Lori told us about the baby chicks she is raising.

The lesson, "Taking a New Look at Fermented Food", was given by Lori. The lesson provided information on techniques for fermenting vegetables: dry salting and brining. Sauerkraut is a classic dry salted ferment, while dill pickles are a classic brining ferment.

The lesson also provided 10 rules for successful fermentation. A recipe for making sauerkraut was provided, along with a recipe link for Kimchi (www.farmtotable.colostate.edu).

After the lesson presentation, Lori shared her fermented salsa (and recipe) for all to sample on nachos.

The next meeting will be June 17 at Mary Ann's. The lesson, "Where is the Top of the World", will be presented by Mary Ann.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Jo Lloyd, secretary

SENIOR MENUS

June 7-11

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

MONDAY — Sausage patty, scrambled eggs, blueberry banana muffin, tri-taters, tomato wedges, OJ and beverage.

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

WEDNESDAY — Sweet/sour chicken, rice, spring mix salad, pineapple, roll and beverage.

THURSDAY — Lasagna, strawberry spinach salad, green beans, fruit, garlic bread and beverage.

FRIDAY — Oven-baked chicken breast, mixed vegetables, strawberry pineapple cup, tossed salad, 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. Call the Wilson Senior Center at (785) 658-2388, or Holyrood at (785) 252-3640. Beverage includes milk.

MONDAY — Sloppy Joe casserole, tossed salad, corn, apricots and beverage.

TUESDAY — Tamale pie, refried beans, pico de gallo, puddings, pears and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza, bean salad, bread pudding, fruit and beverage.

THURSDAY — Hamburger/bun, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce and beverage.

FRIDAY — Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, peach pie and beverage.

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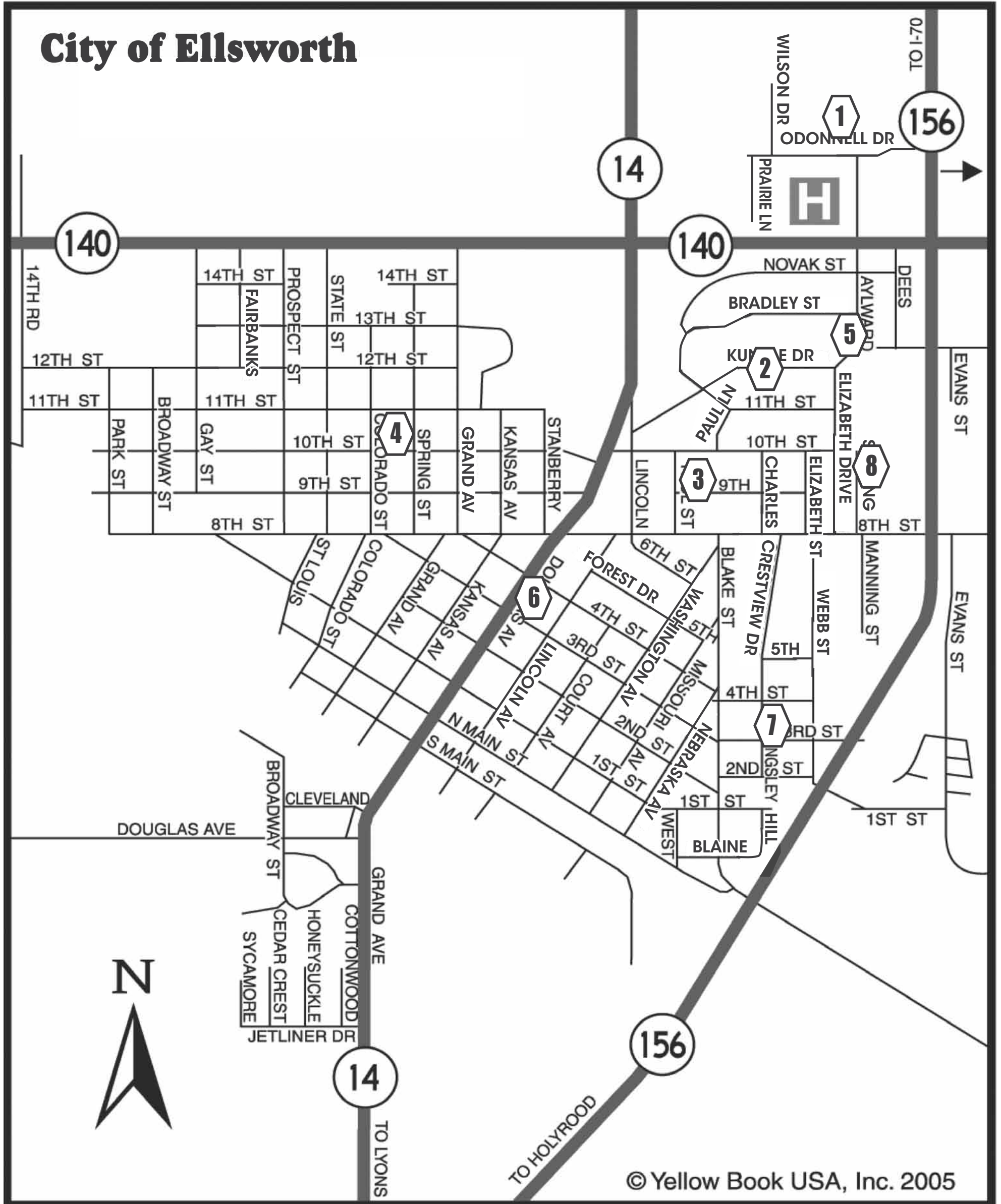
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Rising Stars

Claffin students receive community awards

The Community Scholarship, Inc. of Claffin awarded scholarships to 19 graduates and 15 alumni at the Central Plains High School graduation ceremony on May 16, 2021. Many donors, alumni, and organizations made it possible to award \$50,912 to graduates and alumni to help with their college expenses.

Brooke Armstrong: Central Plains Ag Producers Scholarship; Don & Carolyn Donecker Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Rylie Bailey: United We Stand/Claffin Fire & EMS Scholarship; First Kansas Bank Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Karter Beck: Central Plains Oil Producers Scholarship; Robert J. Miller Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Ryenne Cunningham: Poore Family Memorial Scholarship; Gerry Schartz Memorial Scholarship; Community Scholarship, Inc.; Ethel D. Holmes Scholarship; Marilyn Thaete Memorial Scholarship/Central Plains Alumni Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship; Claffin Historical Society Fund

Matthew Donecker: Poore Family Memorial Scholarship; United We Stand/Claffin Fire & EMS Scholarship; V.E. & Thelma Cates Memorial Scholarship; Claffin Lions Club Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship; Bill Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Holmes: Susan Weber Memorial Scholarship; Claffin Lions Club Scholarship; Jimmie & Leona Holmes Memorial Scholarship; Claffin Knights of Columbus Scholarship; Immaculate Conception Altar Society Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship; Bill Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Hurley: H & B Enterprises Scholarship; P.J. Stiles Scholarship; Bushton Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.; After Prom Scholarship; Bill Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Jennah Jeffrey: P.J. Stiles Family Scholarship; Trevor Cates Memorial Scholarship; Tom & Janet Hipp Memorial Scholarship; Central Plains High School Staff Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Dylan Kitchen: V.E. & Thelma Cates Memorial Scholarship; Jimmie & Leona Holmes Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

William Laymon: H & B Enterprises Scholarship; Holyrood Lions Club Scholarship; Bank of Holyrood Scholarship; Centrals Plains Alumni Scholarship/Opal Palmateer Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Michael Menges: V.E. & Thelma Cates Memorial Scholarship; Central Plains Ag Producers Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Jacob Oberle: Claffin Knights of Columbus Scholarship; Claffin Lions Club Scholarship; Gerry Schartz Memorial Scholarship; Lee & Janice Bieberle, Sr. Memorial Scholarship; Pete Gerritzen Memorial Scholarship/Claffin Alumni Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Alexandria Oeser: Jackie Stiles

Scholarship; Claffin Knights of Columbus Scholarship; Immaculate Conception Altar Society Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Hannah Redetzke: H & B Enterprises Scholarship; Harold & Diana Schremmer Scholarship; Claffin Lions Club Scholarship; Harold & Vivian Grossardt Memorial Scholarship; Holyrood Lions Club Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Monica Short: Central Plains Ag Producers Scholarship; Holyrood Lions Club Scholarship; Jackie Stiles Scholarship; Moly Manufacturing, Inc Scholarship; Ethel D. Holmes Scholarship; Jane & Herb Hoff Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Cassandra Stout: Robert & Mabel Smith Memorial Scholarship; Bushton Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.; Arlo Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship; Bill Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Adrienne Togersen: H & B Enterprises Scholarship; Midge Letourneau Cameron Memorial Scholarship/Community Scholarship, Inc.; J. Alfred & Ella Casad Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Brian Whiterock: Holyrood Lions Club Scholarship; Robert & Betty Hickel Memorial Scholarship; Bert Besthorn Memorial Scholarship; After Prom Scholarship

Callie Zink: P.J. Stiles Family Scholarship; Janke Family Memorial Scholarship; Bushton Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.; After Prom Scholarship; Bill Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Jerred Bieberle: K-State Alumni Scholarship; Central Plains 2020 Senior Class Scholarship; Community Scholarship, Inc.

Addison Crites: Ethel D. Holmes Scholarship; Central Plains 2020 Senior Class Scholarship

Rylee Cunningham: Central Plains Alumni Scholarship

Julie Donecker: Claffin Alumni Scholarship

Emily Hitschmann: K-State Alumni Scholarship

Kylie Holmes: Claffin Alumni Scholarship

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Zoe Potter: Claffin Alumni Scholarship; Central Plains 2020 Senior Class Scholarship

Colton Potts: Central Plains Alumni Scholarship

Delaney Rugan: K-State Alumni Scholarship; Central Plains 2020 Senior Class Scholarship; Community Scholarship, Inc.

Kristen Watson: Central Plains Alumni Scholarship; Central Plains 2020 Senior Class Scholarship

Awards

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• **Logan Erichsen** — Rudd Scholar Award-Books, Tuition, Room & Board-Up to \$70,000; FHSU Honor's College Tier 1 Scholarship \$10,000 (renewable 3 years-\$40,000); Dane Hansen Scholar Award \$6,500 (renewable for 4 years-\$26,000); SAR Eagle Scout Award \$850.

• **Noah Erichsen** — FHSU Organ & Trombone Scholarship \$16,000; FHSU Honor's College Tier 1 Scholarship \$10,000 (renewable 3 years-\$40,000); Voice of Democracy Essay Scholarship.

• **Brooke Farmer** — Barton County Upward Bound Scholarship; Barton Bound Scholarship Books & Tuition.

• **Macey Gustin** — Ellsworth United Methodist Church Scholarship \$250; VFW Irene Pacey Memorial Scholarship \$300; Ash Creek 4-H Club Scholarship \$200.

• **Avery Haxton** — Tabor College Academic Scholarship \$9,500; Tabor College Basketball Scholarship \$14,700; Kiwanis Scholarship \$500; Margaret Davis Memorial Scholarship \$500; Gamma Tau Scholarship \$200; Eagle Communications After Prom Scholarship \$100.

• **Lizzy Hipp** — Allen County Community College Softball Scholarship-Books, Tuition & Fees; After Prom Scholarship \$250; American Red Cross Scholarship \$250; Blanche Kyler Memorial Scholarship \$500.

• **Cecillia Holbrook** — Barton County Upward Bound Scholarship Books & Tuition; Hutchinson Community College \$200.

• **Dawson Kratzer** —

• **John Kyler** — Barton County Upward Bound Scholarship Books & Tuition.

• **Shaylee Leiker** — KSU Scholar Award 9 (renewable 3 years-\$20,000); Dane Hansen Student Scholarship \$4,000 (renewable for 1 year \$8,000); Lila Jean Young Memorial Scholarship \$1,500; Christine Zouzas Memorial Scholarship \$100; Christine A. Dolechek; P.E.O. Kathleen O'Donnel Memorial Scholarship \$500.

• **Lydia Mai** — Hutchinson Community College Cheer Scholarship \$900.

• **Parker McGowan** — KSU Limestone Award \$1,500 (renewable 3 years \$6,000); Gambino's Scholarship \$1,000; Gilkenson Family Scholarship \$150.

• **Teagon Nienke** — Dane Hansen Career & Technical Education Scholarship \$4,000 (renewable for 1 year-\$8,000); Dawn L. Pruitt Scholarship-\$600; Farm Bureau Ambassador Scholarship \$500; After Prom Scholarship \$250; Lovenstein Memorial Scholarship \$100; Delmar Kohls Memorial Scholarship \$300.

• **Braden Schulte** — FHSU Black & Gold Scholarship \$2,000 (Renewable for 3 years \$8,000); OneOk Scholarship \$4,000 (Renewable for 3 years \$16,000); Dr. & Mrs. Mark Leiker Scholarship \$750; Golden Plains Credit Union Scholarship \$500; Caleb Schultz American Family Insurance Scholarship \$250;

Kiwanis Scholarship \$500; Ellsworth County Economic Development Honorary Board Member-\$500; Gambinos Scholarship-\$1,000; Wilson Communications Scholarship \$650; Voice of Democracy Essay Winner; Willing Workers Scholarship \$300; Henry Community Concern Scholarship \$500; Masonic Lodge Essay Contest Winner \$100.

• **Rachel Sebesta** — KSU University Scholar Award \$5,000 (renewable 3 years-\$20,000); Dane G Hansen Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship \$10,000 (renewable for 3 years-\$40,000); P.E.O. Star Scholarship \$2,500; P.E.O.

Kathleen O'Donnel Memorial Scholarship \$500; KS Junior Livestock Show Scholarship \$1,800; DAR Good Citizen Award \$200; FFA Scholarship \$250; Charles & Velma Westerman Scholarship \$1,000; VFW Irene Pacey Memorial Scholarship \$300; Kiwanis Scholarship \$500; KS Grain & Feed Association Scholarship \$1,500; Farm Bureau Ambassador Scholarship \$500; Smoky Hill Cattlewomen Scholarship \$300; Wilson Communications Scholarship \$650; Masonic Lodge Essay Contest Winner \$200.

• **Luke Sharp** — Ottawa University \$18,000.

• **Jonathan Spachek** — WSU Honors College Merit Scholarship \$1,000; WSU Distinguished Scholarship Invitational \$4,000; Dane Hansen Scholar Award \$6,500 (renewable for 4 years-\$26,000); Western Cooperative Youth Tour Essay \$500; After prom Scholarship \$250; Helen Marie Svoboda \$750; Council of Catholic Women \$500.

• **Storm Thompson** — Barton County Upward Bound Scholarship Books & Tuition; Barton Bound Scholarship; FFA Scholarship \$250.

• **Jordan Thornton** — Barton Bound Scholarship \$1,000; Barton Hilltop Singers & Choir Scholarships-\$1,800; Kanopolis United Methodist Church Scholarship \$250.

• **Adam Vehring** — FHSU Honors College Regent Scholarship-Tuition, Room & Board, Fees & \$450 Stipend; Dane Hansen Scholar Award \$6,500 (renewable for 4 years-\$26,000); Charles & Velma Waterman \$726; Kiwanis Scholarship \$500; After Prom Scholarship \$250; First Bank Kansas Scholarship \$500; Ellsworth County Economic Development Honorary Board Member-\$250.

• **Maggie Windholz** — FHSU Victor E. Scholarship \$2750 (renewable 3 years for 11,000); FHSU Education Department Scholarship \$300; Helen Marie Svoboda \$750.

Two students, **Skyler Dolezal** and **Eli Froese**, took advantage of the Center of Excellence Scholarship Agreement with Salina Technical College, where they spent half of their school day in Salina the past two years. Skyler has completed the construction technology certificate program at a \$7,130 savings. Eli will complete the Automotive Technology program next May at a savings of \$5,905.



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Ellsworth, Central Plains return from state



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Members of the Ellsworth boys' 4x400m Relay team — Luke Sharp, Trey Anderson, Joshua Rodriguez and Riley Stone — competed this past weekend at state.



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Members of the Central Plains girls' 4x400m Relay team — Brynna Hammeke, Jennah Jeffery, Monica Short, and Callie Zink — also competed at state in Wichita.

Ellsworth 4x400 Relay team places 7th at state

BY THE I-R STAFF

Here are the Ellsworth results from this past weekend's state track competition at Wichita:

- Boys 4 x 400m Relay 7th place: 3:35.27 Luke Sharp, Joshua Rodriguez, Riley Stone, Trey Anderson.
 - 200m 11th place: Trey Anderson 23.32.
 - 4 x 100m Relay 15th place: 54.84 Bradley Vopat, Trey Anderson, Riley Stone, Luke Sharp.
- "We did not have the greatest meet today," said head coach Nick Rodriguez. "Trey struggled in the 200m prelims and did not qualify for the finals later in the

day. The boys 4x100m relay missed the 2nd handoff and they back tracked to get the baton in the zone, which cost us a lot of time. We were able to make the podium in the 4x4 but had hoped to improve our time from regionals. We took a lot of inexperienced athletes to the state meet and that may have affected the way we performed.

"Overall we had a great track season and we hate losing all the seniors we had on the team. They provided some stability and leadership for a very young squad. Hopefully, we can try to build up our numbers on the team and get some kids qualified for next year's state meet in 2022.

Lady Oilers 4x400 Relay team places 3rd at state

Brynna Hammeke places 2nd in high jump and 4th in two other state events

THE I-R STAFF

Here are the Central Plains High School results from this past weekend's state track competition at Wichita:

The girls' 4x400 relay took 3rd in state with a time of 4:20.65. Team members are seniors Monica Short, Callie Zink and Jennah Jeffery, and sophomore Brynna Hammeke.

- Brynna Hammeke also placed

2nd in the high jump, with a jump of 5'4"; 4th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.59; and 4th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:00:27

- Senior Callie Zink placed 9th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.97.
- Freshman Lauren Oeser placed 9th in javelin with a throw of 111.04.
- Sophomore Michael Laymon placed 8th in javelin with a throw of 154'8.
- Senior Tyler Holmes placed 8th in shot put with a throw of 45-6.50.
- Junior Cole Lamastch placed 6th in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:42.56.

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 Bethold Joseph "B.J." Hiet (1940-2021)
 Todd Tyrone Tozian (1959-2020)
 See Pages A2 and A7

COVID-19 by the numbers
 As of Tuesday, Ellsworth County had 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 26 to June 1

WEDNESDAY 85/66
 Partly cloudy, evening storms

THURSDAY 84/64
 Partly cloudy

FRIDAY 81/62
 Partly cloudy

SATURDAY 77/63
 Partly cloudy, overnight storms

SUNDAY 78/64
 Partly cloudy, chance for storms

MONDAY 79/67
 Partly cloudy, scattered showers

TUESDAY 73/62
 Partly cloudy

Ellsworth seniors look forward to a new chapter
 Photos and story by ALAN RUSCH and LORI FARMER

Caps off to the Class of 2021
 Members of the Ellsworth High School Class of 2021 laugh as they listen to comments made by classmates during Sunday's graduation ceremony in the 645 gymnasium.

Average doesn't begin to describe this year's wheat crop, state crop experts say

A BIN BUSTER?
 Industry representatives from across the nation last week estimated an average per-acre wheat yield in Kansas of 58 bushels. The projection comes after participants in the annual Wheat Quality Council tour inspected fields across the state. If realized, the 58 bushels would be a record.

• Confirmed county not in Ellsworth County by late June or early July.

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The Wilson High School Class of 1971. Back row, from left, Gene Siefers, Larry Vasko, Mike Peschka, Vance Stinnett, Colleen (Hoch) Winkel, Cheryl (Klema) Reyard, Janet (Bouska) Wright, Joel Borell, Gary Mikulecky. Front row, from left, Toni (Hoch) Plughoeft, Rita (Stoppel) Nelson, Debbie (Florian) Whitmer, and Karen (Vague) Peschka.

Student Stars

Kara Hays completes degree requirements at Cloud County

Kara Hays of Ellsworth, has completed the requirements for the Associate of Science degree from Cloud County Community College. Students completing the degree requirements were conferred degrees following the 2021 Commencement ceremony.

Cloud County Community College offers a wide variety of courses leading toward completion of transfer and career degrees in four areas: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of General Studies.

Cloud County Community College (CCCC) is one of 26 public two-year community and technical colleges in Kansas and is coordinated by the Kansas Board of Regents. CCCC's service area encompasses a 12-county area primarily in north central Kansas with its two physical campuses in Concordia and Junction City.

Wilson Communications awards scholarships to area students

Each year, Wilson Communications awards at least two scholarships to students in each of its seven communities it serves and last year, with its expansion into Ellsworth, the company now also offers a scholarship to an Ellsworth High School graduate.

"My grandfather, Paul Grauer, started the program in 1984. Education was always important to him and we continued the program as way of giving back to the communities we serve," says Scott Grauer, president/CEO of Wilson Communications. "This is just one of the many ways we help support our communities."

Since the program's inception, Wilson Communications has selected over 350 scholarship recipients and awarded slightly under \$161,000.00. "This year, Wilson Communications awarded eleven, \$650 scholarships, Grauer said.

The awards were presented at the recipient's school award banquets. "I enjoy being able to present the awards and seeing the excitement as these students prepare for their next steps. Our congratulations to all of the 2021 graduates," said Craig Freeman, vice president/general manager of Wilson Communications.

The 2021 recipients are:
Wilson — Rachel Sebesta, Ellsworth High School and Cooper Weinhold, Kamdyn Thrasher, and Raina Garrard, Wilson High School.

Tipton — Anna Towner, Tipton Catholic High School.

Ellsworth — Braden Schulte, Ellsworth High School.

Hunter — Jaylyn Wiese, Tipton Catholic High School.

Lucas — Logan Buttenhoff, Sylvan-Lucas High School.

Sylvan Grove — Kaley Wolting, Bree Neel, and Marshall Hurlbut, Sylvan-Lucas High School.

Roadrunner brings back high school memories at Wilson

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

WILSON — Warren Anschutz, president of the Wilson High School Class of 1970, was so excited about his new car, he just had to bring it to the May 29 Wilson All-Class Reunion to show it off as a surprise to his classmates.

The car is a Wilson Dragon purple 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner just like the new one he received as a high school graduation present.

"This is the kind of car I left Wilson in 1970 and I thought it would be rather interesting to bring it back for my 50th (reunion)," Anschutz said.

The car, however, isn't the one that Anschutz got as a graduation present.

"I only had it about a year and a half and," he said. "I was crossing the Interstate heading out to Lake Wilson, and somebody pulled off the Interstate and I couldn't avoid the accident."

Anschutz said he was heartbroken.

"It was a pretty sad day," he added. "It was totalled."

When he found the new Roadrunner recently, Anschutz said he had to have it.

"We spent a lot of time dragging Main in Wilson," he said.

Anschutz and 10 of his classmates went on a bus tour of Wilson prior to the reunion with a bus and driver, which Central Plains USD 112 allowed at no cost to the class. During the tour, the class placed a yellow rose, the class flower, at the graves of deceased classmates.

According to Rosemary (Mahoney) Neaderhiser of Solomon, the class has lost eight classmates and a teacher, Darrell Thrasher.

The Wilson Class of 1970 was

honored alongside the Class of 1971 as the 50 year classes since no reunion was conducted last year due to COVID-19.

"It's pretty good to be able to be together again," said Joy (Daniels) Everhart of Lindsborg. "Because last year when we were supposed to celebrate, things were pretty well closed down."

"I'm very excited to see everybody," Neaderhiser said. "We haven't all been together for 10 years so we're going to see what's going on with each other."

"Obviously, I'm very excited to be here to see my classmates again," said Creighton Robinson of Evanston, Wyo. "We had a great class."

Everhart said she can remember seeing the 50-year class at a past alumni banquet and thinking how old they all looked.

"And so now, I guess, that's us," she said. "But I think we're all still young at heart."

"I am positive we do not look as old as the 50-year class did when we were 18," Neaderhiser said. "We look really good."

Everhart said Wilson has changed a lot since they graduated.

"We used to have two grocery stores," she said.

"Two shoe stores, two barber shops," added Robinson. "Three liquor stores, seven beer joints. We had three gas stations before I-70 went through. Now there's one."

"We had the recreation center, the bowling alley, the skating rink, all of those things when we were still here," Everhart said. "And all of that is gone."

"I remember we had 120 or 121 high school members," Neaderhiser said. "And that school is down to less than 50 for sure. Maybe less than 40 now."

"Little towns are having a tough time, that's for sure," Everhart said.

"I think that makes these kinds of celebrations even more fun," Neaderhiser said. "The (Midland Railroad) hotel owner bringing in the barn and a new venue for this town, I just think has been wonderful."

"It's a great gathering place," Everhart said.

"We've really enjoyed it," Neaderhiser said. "Whatever she (Melinda Merrill) is doing for this town, I cannot commend her more."

Class of 1970
Later that evening, 13 members of the Wilson Class of 1970 gathered at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish Hall.

Among those was Rita (Stoppel) Nelson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Debbie (Florian) Whitmer of Wilson.

"I love it," Nelson said. "I'm the one that put the reunion together. I love all my classmates and coming back and seeing everybody."

Nelson said of her 22 classmates that graduated in 1970, three have passed away.

"This has been great," said Whitmer. "Some I haven't seen since we got out of high school."

Nelson said making it to the 50 year reunion is something everyone always jokes about.

She remembers asking herself "how can they still be alive," after seeing a 50 year class when she was 18.

"I guess I never thought I wouldn't get there," Nelson said. "It just seem so funny. My mind says 18, but my body goes no, you're a little older than that."

"I feel the same way," Whitmer said. "I don't feel like I should be in the 50 year class. I don't feel that old."

Nelson said the class spent the night before the reunion with the Class of 1970.



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Warren Anschutz, president of the Wilson High School Class of 1970, with his "new" 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner.



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The Wilson High School Class of 1970. From left, Ed Fuhrman, WHS government teacher and football and track coach; Dale Homeier, Creighton Robinson, Wes Buehler, Mike Ktratky, Rita Stephens, Rose Hansen, Rosemary Neaderhiser, Joy Everhart, Judy Sherman, Warren Anschutz, Mike

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I-R Passages



The Bunnies with Ph.Ds wow 'em at the Cowtown Talent Show in Preisker Park Friday night. The bunnies, (from left) Tiara Pflughoeft, Aimee Finkbeiner and Jessica Stefek, took second in the Child Group Division of the show. Photo taken from the August 15, 1985 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

From the files of The Ellsworth Reporter

From the files of the August 15, 1985 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

136 YEARS AGO August 13, 1885

The contest between the Ellsworth and Lincoln Center baseball clubs came off Tuesday afternoon, in the Hodgden pasture near this city. The Ellsworth cornet band furnished music for the occasion, the attendance was large and the game interesting. The following was the result: Lincoln Center club, 36; Ellsworth 23. The Ellsworth club started out well but failed to keep up the good playing they began with. We are afraid that the Wilson club will take advantage of the challenge made. Our boys were well pleased with the treatment received from our club, and also well pleased with the grounds, the music and the final result.

Thomas Kluber, the carpet weaver, near the Cottage hotel, is doing some excellent work. His terms are very reasonable and his weaving is guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Promenade concert, at the school house grove, Saturday evening, for the benefit of the cornet band.

J. Kalina has painted the wood work on his large blacksmith shop, on First Street.

While placing the tin work on the new residence of W.A.

Henry Mayer, Roscoe Holt and John Vldar went over to Holyrood Saturday in an auto, returning with Ben Mayer who had been in

week or two.

Tuesday evening Joe L. Powers made the Ellsworth cornet band a present of an \$85 silver trombone, as a token of friendship, and for their services upon several occasions. There is nothing small about Joe.

The new elevator of Work & Co. is looming up on the west side.

The city was crowded with people last Saturday.

Lola Gebhardt, being seven years of age last Monday, gave a party to a few of her little friends.

Dr. Deaver has his office over Seitz' drug store in the rooms occupied by Dr. Lang.

111 YEARS AGO August 11, 1910

Frank Easterly's left eye was badly burned Tuesday by the lime. He was plastering the new Odd Fellows hall.

H.W. Barofsky was taken the contract to build two houses and two barns for George Rathbun on his farm. He will start work in about two weeks.

Our blacksmiths are working almost day and night now sharpening plowshares. Wilson news items.

The new Frisco depot is well underway and should be ready for occupancy inside of a month. It is similar to the old one in size and arrangement. The roof has a curve in it and the building will be more artistic than the old one.

Henry Mayer, Roscoe Holt and John Vldar went over to Holyrood Saturday in an auto, returning with Ben Mayer who had been in

Holyrood for some time. Ben, who is studying to become a doctor, took Dr. Zerzan's place in Holyrood while the doctor was away on his vacation, and filled the place with credit.

Mrs. George Alden gave a barn dance last evening in compliment to Miss Alice Steer at the big barn Mr. Alden has just erected across the river.

The electric light plant here has taken out one of the old engines and is laying the foundation for the new 50-horse power gasoline engine which they will install in a few weeks.

C.F. Null is starting a new barber shop in the front part of the Larkin building on the side street. He will open a two-chair shop and everything will be modern and up-to-date.

Richard Vldar of Garfield township was in town last Monday after materials to build a milk house on his farm.

Last Sunday afternoon as Charles Radiel with his wife and two-year-old child was driving south on the road just west of Fred Jennings' place they were met by an automobile driven by two strangers. The horse took fright at the machine as it approached and the result was that the buggy in which the Radiels were driving was upset and badly damaged and the family thrown on the ground. The horse broke away from the buggy after dragging Mr. Radiel some distance, but there were no serious injuries sustained. Subsequently

Mr. Radiel swore out a warrant for the arrest of the drivers of the automobile who proved to be out of Russell county. They were brought down from Russell on Tuesday and given a trial before Justice of the Peace Pane on a charge of violating the provisions of the automobile law, but the jury did not reach a verdict and was discharged. The case is set for another trial on August 23rd.

The Urbanek brothers, who brought out the Rammelsberg grocery store some time ago will take charge of the building the middle of next week. They will repaper and repaint the interior of the store and put in an entire new stock of goods.

Following are the names of the teachers for the Ellsworth city school for 1910-11: O.J. Silverwood, superintendent; Ethel Thomas, principal; S.R. Guild, assistant; May Annadown, assistant; Katherine Curry, 8th grade; Louise Cadwell, 7th grade; Margaret Hall, 6th grade; Mary Phelan, 5th grade; Tessa Hamilton, 4th grade; Lola Gebhardt, 3rd grade; Gertrude Bower, 2nd grade; Anna O'Donnell, east primary; Hermine Barofsky, west primary.

75 YEARS AGO August 15, 1935

Miss Frances O'Donnell, connected with the Nelson art gallery in Kansas City, Mo., arrived home last Saturday morning for a month's vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred O'Donnell.

The Ellsworth high school band gave an appreciative concert to an admiring audience in the band stand on the grade school grounds Tuesday evening. The band members had been practicing faithfully during vacation and the concert Tuesday evening showed able direction under the leadership of Voss Napier, school supervisor of music.

61 YEARS AGO August 18, 1960

Paul Grauer, owner of the Wilson Telephone Co., has purchased the Brookville exchange and will add some 150 subscribers under the Wilson Company exchange. This is the fifth exchange Grauer has purchased in the last five years, including the towns of Sylvan Grove, Lucas, Vesper and Tipton.

46 YEARS AGO August 31, 1975

Carl Hampton is the new foreman of the Cities Service Compressor Stations located 1½ miles east of Ellsworth, at Beloit and at Lyons. He comes from Tonganoxie where he served with the company.

Ellsworth County is still licking her parched lips amidst a prolonged dry spell and while farm crops seem to have the most need for a good thirst quenching, the lack of a good rain may soon tighten the throat of fire prevention and farm ponds.

41 YEARS AGO July 14, 1980

Unofficial Ellsworth

County election results show county voters narrowly retained the intangibles tax while voters in the cities of Ellsworth and Kanopolis voted by a narrow margin to remove the intangibles tax.

Temperatures in late July "cooled" to the 90-degree range but Ellsworth County still is lacking much needed moisture. There were 23 days of 100-degree plus temperatures in July compared to just six 100-degree days in 1979. Last year at this time, Ellsworth had received 17.27 inches of precipitation compared to 10.84 inches this year.

36 YEARS AGO August 15, 1985

The Ellsworth City Council accepted the resignation of Jerry Huff Monday from the council and as president of the Industrial Advisory Committee, and approved Mayor Robert Homolka's appointment of Dane Britton to fill the vacancy.

Fresh lumber is stacked neatly where Darrell Webber's garage used to stand. Millard Munson's house next door sports a new roof and several other residences along Kunkle Drive in Ellsworth are in various stages of repair as the scars of last Tuesday's tornado begin to fade from the face of the city.

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

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IR Religion

The web that begins again and again

I remember one summer day when walking along a dirt path I walked right into a spider's web. Suddenly, I began fighting the air and slapping myself. It was comical to say the least and exhausting. I once saw a funny statement, regarding this same situation, but it ended with "I lost 10 lbs. when it was over."

Here is a small tidbit about spiders. Spiders are less apt to "bond" with their caretakers than snakes or fish, which tells you something — they simply do not have the capacity to become "friends". They may possibly become "used to" their caretakers, but that's not the same thing.

Most spiders are not very tolerant of each other. Most spiders are so aggressive towards members of their species that even mating is a delicate maneuver. However, spiders are exceptional because they'll amass together. They tolerate one another.

So, this leads me to the statement, "I would whether have him/her as a friend than an enemy!" I recently heard this said about an active Christian woman in a church. It was said because she is a bully, liar, and gossip, which left some people afraid and ready to cower in her presence.

There is a distinction between friendship and enmity. I have been fortunate in my life to have a small number of genuine friends who know the true



Pastor Mary Somrak

Pastor's Podium

meaning of friendship. And yet, there are fake friendship, people masquerading as friends, hiding their true motivations under a cloak of sunshine.

On the other end of the spectrum are the people who are enemies in the open, those who wage war openly or behind the scenes, people who embrace enmity instead of trying to hide it under a disguised friendship.

In his poem "The Good Man," Nietzsche seems to be saying that true enemies, are cut from one block, as he calls it, are better off than friends with an artificial or unnatural friendship. Many of my friends are true friends, with our friendship arising from a shared nature that draws us to one another. Some friendships, in contrast, are far more questionable, being held together by circumstance, by the shallower or more ephemeral parts of life, or at worst held together inauthentically against each other's mutual wills for some ulterior motive, like "I would whether have him/her for a friend than an enemy." Puts a new light on the

quote, doesn't it?

We cannot do much but pray for the people that hate us. We cannot help but pity those who hate us in secret while publicly professing and showing external signs of friendship or Christianity. The latter are weaker people, perhaps ashamed of and recoiling from their own inner darkness, afraid to let the darkness out for the world to see, lest it betray who they really are inside. So, when someone comes along with the light of Christ shining brightly it hurts their core even leading them to become aggressive, physically, mentally and spiritually.

The contrast in the thoughts and intents of friendships reminds me of Judas. Maybe this is because I have been watching the Chosen and seeing the relationships that are building. How does Christ bring forth Judas of Iscariot, this mysterious disciple that smiled in Jesus' face, befriended the other disciples, went to towns, and cities with them, enjoyed the very present of Jesus, and ate at the Last Supper.

Jesus informed his disciples during the Last Supper that one of them will betray him. When they asked who it would be, Jesus said 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' He then dipped a piece of bread in a dish and handed it to Judas, identified as the 'son of Simon Iscariot.' After Judas received

the piece of bread, 'Satan entered into him.' (John 13:21-27).

Is it possible that Judas was not always in the betrayal role? It wasn't until the bread was dipped and handed to him when Satan entered him. Or was Judas like the spiders that must begin his web, again, and again.

So, what? I will leave you with these questions to ask yourself. How is my witness? Am I bearing fruit for God's glory? Am I the one saying I rather have "him/her for a friend then enemy" or worst yet, Am I the Christian with the bad behavior?

Stay close to God my friend.

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 Mary Somrak, pastor at the Refreshed and Redeemed Church, Ellsworth.



Church Services In Ellsworth County

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| <p>BROOKVILLE United Methodist Bill Gies, pastor 114 W. Anderson, (785) 225-6875</p> | <p>ELLSWORTH Harvest Bible Church Marc Compton, pastor 907 Evans, (620) 562-0168. Sunday service: 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>St. Bernard's Catholic Fr. Joshua Werth 10th and Kansas, (785) 472-3136 Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Visitors welcome, must contact church by Friday to attend.</p> | <p>HOLYROOD St. Paul United Church of Christ Debby Rains, pastor 301 E. Nassau, (785) 252-3410</p> | <p>First Baptist Brett Denham, pastor Old Highway 40, (785) 658-2499 Sunday service: 10:30 a.m. at the church and on Facebook page. Wednesday evening: 7 p.m. on Facebook Live.</p> |
| <p>St. Joseph's Catholic Msgr. James E. Hake West Third</p> | <p>Assembly of God Exie Barber, pastor, 106 W. Eighth, (785) 531-0067 Discipleship Develop.: 9:45-10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Children/youth: 7-8 p.m.</p> | <p>St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran LC - MS Keith Emshoff, pastor (713) 906-8003 Sunday school: 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class: 8:30 a.m. Church service: 9:30 a.m.</p> | <p>St. Peter Lutheran Dan Harders, pastor 209 S. County Rd., (785) 252-3275 Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School follows.</p> | <p>First Presbyterian & United Methodist Mike Trow, pastor 319 24th St. or 2424 Ave. F Church: (785) 658-2191 Facebook Live at 9 a.m. Sundays, Wilson 1st Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches.</p> |
| <p>BUSHTON Holy Name Catholic Fr. Rick Kotrba 296 Third Rd., (620) 562-3427</p> | <p>Holy Apostles Episcopal 104 W. Fourth Service information not provided.</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>St. Mary's Catholic Fr. Tony Kulandajesu Concord Street Masses broadcast on Facebook Live under St. Wenceslaus Church — morning masses at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. Sunday.</p> | <p>Immanuel Lutheran - ELCA Vicar Jacqueline Thornton, interim 2819 Ave. F Church: (785) 658-2252 9 a.m. Sunday service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> |
| <p>United Methodist Diana Webster, pastor 213 Third, (620) 562-3393</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>KANOPOLIS United Methodist Dennis Carter, pastor 103 S. Missouri, (785) 472-4984 9:15 a.m. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Sunday school</p> | <p>St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Fr. Tony Kulandajesu 2807 Ave. D, (785) 658-3361 Masses broadcast on Facebook Live under St. Wenceslaus Church — morning masses at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. Sunday.</p> |
| <p>Salem United Methodist Tom Reazin, pastor 517 Ave. E, (620) 562-3334</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Refreshed and Redeemed Church Mary Somrak, pastor Church: 307 Webb St., (785) 472-9300 Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. live @rarnaz on Facebook</p> | <p>St. Ignatius Catholic Fr. Joshua Werth 127 N. Missouri, Rectory (785) 472-4874 Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m. Guests welcome, must call (785) 472-3136 by Friday to attend.</p> | <p>Excelsior Lutheran - ELCA Angie Sundell, pastor (785) 452-1959 Nine miles NE of Wilson at 888 Ave. C Sunday service: 8:30 a.m.</p> |
| <p>CARNEIRO Carneiro Fellowship Center Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. Bill Bristow, speaker</p> | <p>DiVine Hope Nazarene Hoeger Chapel, 300 Bickerdyke Blvd. (785) 472-1744 Sunday service: 10 a.m.</p> | <p>LORRAINE First Baptist Church Zach Ullom, pastor 320 W. Wichita, (785) 472-5334 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Children's Bible Club: 6 p.m.</p> | <p>WILSON Excelsior Lutheran - ELCA Angie Sundell, pastor (785) 452-1959 Nine miles NE of Wilson at 888 Ave. C Sunday service: 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>St. Joseph's Catholic Fr. Tony Kulandajesu</p> |
| <p>GENESEO Geneseo United Methodist Guy Rendoff, pastor 407 8th, (620) 824-6498 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. UMW: 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.</p> | | | | |

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(Note: Traffic cases resolved between May 17, 2021 to May 21, 2021. Fines include a \$108 docket fee.)

JUDGMENT ON PLEA OF GUILTY — Elizabeth Ashley Ammon, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.

Steven Tyler Ammon, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.

Kara A. Amos, speeding, \$150.

Francisco Javier Barrera Aguilar, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$208.

Christina Lynn Bartelme Clum, speeding, \$153.

Jessica Meg Behle, speeding, \$171.

Mahelet Geremew Bekele, speeding, \$165.

Michael Louis Bell, improper parking, \$198.

Carmen Charmey Brown, speeding, \$153.

Charles Rollin Buffington V., speeding, \$177.

Wade Dean Colgrove, speeding, \$267.

Adam Ryan Daleiden, speeding, \$159.

Quadarrious Bernard Davis, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.

Aaron James Eggert, driving while license was canceled/suspended/revoked, \$403.

Adam J. Guerich, speeding, \$197.

Bryan Reid Horan, speeding, \$177.

James R. Howerly, speeding, \$183.

Renee Dawn Jiricek, failure to wear a seat belt, \$30.

Clayton Paul Johnson, speeding, \$165.

Vance J. Johnson, speeding, \$195.

Kieran Kieran Jones, speeding, \$183.

Cecilio Lopez Martinez, speeding, \$183.

Dylan Michael Madden, speeding, \$165.

Laura Martinez, speeding, \$153.

Euan McLeod, speeding, \$165.

Jeffrey Burnwell Merritt, speeding, \$177.

David Lee Milum Jr., speeding, \$177.

Douglas Michael Moore, speeding, \$153.

Arnulfo Morales Banda, speeding, \$153.

Ella T. Morrison, speeding, \$153.

Adrian Ocampo Munoz, speeding, \$153.

Kathleen J. Oroark, speeding, \$183.

Urbano Rosales, unauthorized lights and signals, \$153.

Samuel Jeremy Rosen, speeding, \$311.

Brady Paul Ruggels, speeding, \$153.

Jonathan K. Sellers, speeding, \$183.

Baylor Smith, speeding, \$195.

Samuel Charles Taylor, speeding, \$246.

Malcolm Montez Webster, speeding, \$207.

Zezen Zhong, speeding, \$207.

DEFERRED ADJUDICATION —

Thaddeus Steven Anderson, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, \$258.

Michael Charles Mulcahy, speeding, \$258.

Jerrod Scott Preybyl, speeding, \$258.

Highway Patrol

INJURY ACCIDENTS — At 6:27 p.m. May 26, Randy L. Henry, 57, Coats, was driving west on K-156 Highway in a 2020 Kenworth semi-truck hauling a 2006 utility trailer. At milepost 148.7, just east of Third Road, a strong gust of wind from a storm blew the driver's trailer over. Henry received suspected minor injuries in the accident. He was transported to Ellsworth County Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Sheriff Office

INJURY ACCIDENTS — At 7:42 a.m. May 12, Cameron J. Banwell, 22, Garden City, was driving south on K-156 Highway in a 2016 Hyundai. Just south of Ave. D, Banwell attempted to pass a semi-truck and in the process crashed head on with a northbound 2019 Kia Sol driven by Jesus A. Cazares Jr., 29, Desert Hor Springs, Calif. Banwell was injured in the accident.

NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS — At 9:40 p.m. May 11, Dena M. McDaniel, 41, Ellsworth, was driving south on K-14 Highway in a 2006 Toyota. Just south of Ave. H, she hit a deer. No injuries were reported.

At 6:15 a.m. May 13, Ronny K. Burch, 69, Salina, was driving east on K-4 Highway in a 2013 Dodge. Just east of 27th Road, he hit a deer. No injuries were reported.

At 6:50 a.m. May 14, Jose L. Prieto, 55, Salina, was driving west on K-156 Highway in a 2019 Dodge. Just southwest of Fifth Road, he hit a deer. Neither Prieto nor his passenger, Florentino Chavez-Perez, 54, Salina, were injured.

At 6:40 a.m. May 15, Michael Dewayne Allen Rodriguez, 21, Denver, Colo., was backing a 2010 Honda Accord out of a parking stall in the east-bound rest area at milepost 224.7 on Interstate 70. In the process, he hit a legally parked 2016 Kia owned by Tyler Garrett Wilcox of Orlando, Fla. No injuries were reported. Rodriguez was cited for limitations on backing vehicle and unlawful acts.

At 9:04 p.m. May 15, James A. Stifler, 44, Salina, was driving north on K-141 Highway in a 2005 Dodge. Just north of Ave. M, he hit a deer. Neither Stifler nor his passenger, Christopher A. Williams, 65, Salina, were injured.

At 3:25 a.m. May 16, Brian K. Dempsey, 56, Lawrence, was driving northeast on K-156 Highway in a 2020 Honda CRV. At Ave. U, he hit a dog that ran onto the road from the east. No injuries were reported.

ARSON — On April 29, Chant B. Koralek of Ellsworth was the victim of arson at 1765 Highway 14 in Ellsworth. The case involves a single occupancy dwelling valued at \$50,000. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made. On May 21, Sheriff Murray Marston said the term arson was "early speculation." He said the sheriff's office did not have anything to point to the case being arson. At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown.

THEFT — Between April 25 and April 30, Carol S. Showalter and Rickey L. Showalter of Salina were the victims of theft at 105 Riverside Drive in Marquette. Taken was a Kansas license plate 989 NYZ. Total loss was \$3. There are no suspects and no arrests have been made.

HARASS BY TELECOM DEVICE — On May 5, Trinity L. Stone of Kanopolis was the victim of harassment by telecom device at 211 N. Iowa Ave. in Kanopolis. There is a suspect in the case but no arrests have been made. A report has been forwarded to the Ellsworth County attorney.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS/WELFARE CHECK — On May 4, deputies responded to 785 Fourth Road in Wilson for a criminal trespass/welfare check report.

FOUND PROPERTY — On May 10, unknown property belonging to Kyle R. Pedigo of Tucson, Ariz., was found on K-156 Highway in Ellsworth County. The property was returned to the owner.

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The Applicant needs experience in working with rural ambulance service operations and experience in supervision of individuals.

Please obtain an application at ellsworthcounty.org and return along with your resume, to Ellsworth County Clerk's Office 210 N. Kansas Ave., Suite 6, Ellsworth KS, 67439. For a full job description, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 785-472-4161. Qualified applicants must have a valid Driver's License and pass a drug screening. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE

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USD 112 Central Plains is currently taking applications for a 7-12th grade **English teacher** at Wilson Jr. - Sr. High School in Wilson for the 2021-22 school year.

Interested applicants can contact the district office at 785-252-3695 for more information or access an application on-line at www.usd112.org, Career Opportunities. This position is also posted on the Kansas Teaching Jobs' website. USD 112 is taking applications until filled.

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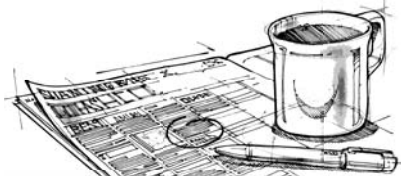
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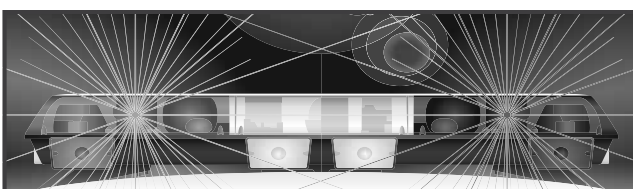
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For job description and qualification information contact the Wilson City Hall at 2407 Ave E PO Box J Wilson, KS 67490 or call 785-658-2272.

**Application deadline
3pm on June 18, 2021.**

Resume with references will be required. KLETC Certification is preferred. Wage will be based on experience. Successful candidate will be required to reside in the City limits.

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Abandoned Vehicle

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

NOTICE

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

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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

Michael A. Montoya, S.C. #13580
MICHAEL A. MONTOYA, P.A.
256 South Santa Fe
P.O. Box 1220
Salina, Kansas 67402-1220
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Attorney for Petitioner

3t 6/3

Robert L. Williams Estate

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

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 30, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, in Ellsworth, in Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Mary L. Williams,
Petitioner

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

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Wilson State Bank v. Janet White

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, Thursday, May 27, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

Wilson State Bank, Plaintiff,
vs. Case No. 2020-CV-000034
Janet White, a single person; et. al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Judge of the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, in the above action, wherein the parties above named were, respectfully, plaintiff and defendant, I, the undersigned Sheriff of Ellsworth County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Ellsworth, in said County of Ellsworth, State of Kansas, on June 18, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, the following described real estate situated in the County of Ellsworth, State of Kansas, to-wit:

Lots Three (3) and Four (4), in Block One (1), in McKenzie's Second Addition to the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas (the "Mortgaged Premises")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case, said sale to be made without appraisal and subject to a 15 day redemption period as provided in the above proceeding.

Murray A. Marston,
Sheriff of Ellsworth County, Kansas

Sherman, Hoffman & Hoffman, LC
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Virginia B. Urbaneck 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. 2021-PR-000015**
Virginia B. Urbaneck, 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 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:
.012500 royalty interest in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Sixteen (16) South, Range Ten (10) West, Ellsworth County, Kansas.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 11, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. in Ellsworth County District Court, 210 N. Kansas, City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County, Kansas 67439, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Jay P. Parrish
Petitioner

ROGER PETERSON #09021
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785-472-3155
785-472-4953 (fax)
rp@petersonstaudinger.com
Attorney for Petitioner

3t 6/3

City of Wilson Health Nuisance at 2411 Ave E.

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, Thursday, May 27, 2021)

State of Kansas, Ellsworth County, City of Wilson:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

Being a resolution Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Wilson, Declaring as a Health Nuisance Conditions Existing on Private Property located within the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas.

Whereas, The Board of Health inspected the following described tracts, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the West Line and 75 feet North of the Southwest corner of Block One (1), in the City of Wilson, in Ellsworth County, Kansas; thence East on a line parallel with the South line of said Block, a distance of 100 feet; thence North on a line parallel with the West line, a distance of 25 feet; thence East on a line parallel with the South line of said Block, a distance of 23 feet; thence North on a line parallel with the West line of said Block, a distance of 136 feet, or to the North line of said Block One (1); thence West along said North line of said Block One (1) to the East line of Lot Five (5), in said Block One (1); thence South along the East line of said Lot Five (5), to a point 121 feet North of the South line of said Block One (1); thence West on a line parallel with the South line of said Block One (1), a distance of 100 feet; thence South on the West line of said Block One (1), to the Place of Beginning commonly known as 2411 Ave E Wilson, Kansas; and

Whereas, that said Board of Health declared the above described property contained:

- (1) Wooden pew & metal object in front of building
- (2) Piles of metal and windmill pieces at back of building
- (3) Trailer full of wood and debris at back of building
- (4) Old sinks & toilet at back of building
- (5) Old bicycles at back of building
- (6) Old windows at back of building
- (7) Barrels at back of building

that are a public nuisance pursuant to Ordinance No. 638, Ordinance No. 678, Ordinance No. 729, and KSA 12-1617e, of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County Kansas; and

Whereas, a letter was mailed with the described public health nuisances on the hereinbefore described property to the property owner Picture Rocks Ltd - Daniel Erdman on March 16, 2021 to correct the condition of the property with thirty (30) days; and

Whereas, the property owner failed to request a hearing with the Governing Body of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas, declares since there has not been sufficient progress to abate the nuisances that if the nuisances as previously declared by the Board of Health, in their original list of items to be abated are not abated, then 30 days after personal service or certified mail return receipt requested of this resolution upon the owner, the governing body of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas, through its Board of Health, shall hire and contract that the nuisances will be removed from the premises, and that the cost incurred by the City of Wilson shall be charged against the lot or parcels of ground upon which the nuisance is located as provided in Ordinance No. 638, Ordinance No. 678, Ordinance No. 729, and KSA 12-1617e, of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County Kansas; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be served upon the owner in violation by personal service upon the person in violation; or certified mail return receipt requested; or in the event the whereabouts of such person is unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the Board of Health and filed with the City Clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, the official City newspaper, and by posting a copy of this Resolution on the premises where such condition exists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted in its entirety by the governing body of the City of Wilson, Ellsworth County, Kansas, this 17th day of May, 2021.

Michael J. Peschka
Mayor

Attested:

Susan R. Kriley
City Clerk

2t 6/3

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