

# O.G.S.A.'s "Godfather" Coach Eakin

from Don Bowman  
Olathe Girls Softball Association (OGSA) recently celebrated its 50th anniversary by hosting a Hall of Fame induction ceremony for ten people who were involved from the beginning. Founded in 1973 by Olatheans Dennis and Susan Tressin, and Eldon Miller. Eight teams—fewer than 100 players—were formed that

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The Olathe Girls Softball Association fabulous Softball Complex 168th & Lone Elm Rd  
Photo captions: 1) Dan Eakin 2) Dan Eakin Buck O'Neil Award 3) 1979 Team with Coach Eakin 4) Eakin family ballplayers

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## What Will They Do Next?

Many years ago, when Stephanie was a baby, a beautiful couple moved to the area from where they had been serving in the Air Force.



Ethel Mae Brewer

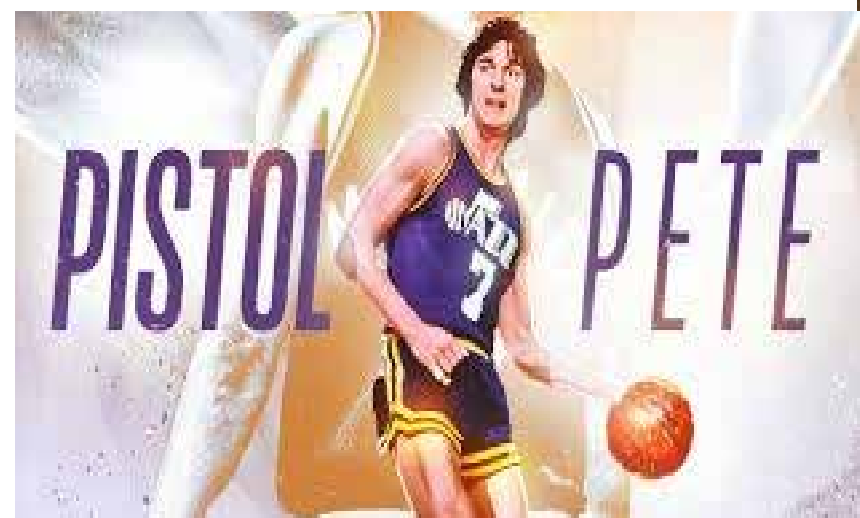
They attended our church and had a little girl just 3 months older than our daughter. Although I had not planned on doing childcare, it seemed like a perfect fit to raise the girls together during their parent's working hours.

They were so adorable together. When I went to the store people would stop and ask if they were twins. They both had blonde hair, big blue eyes and adorable smiles.

Normally, they were really good together but occasionally they would do things that we never would have imagined.

One day a lady in our church was having some surgery and asked if I could watch her 3 little ones. (I was a lot younger and had a lot more energy!) I gladly took on the challenge and all was going very well until I left the

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by Stuart Stiles

Fighting the urge to flip the channel, I reluctantly watched Caitlyn Clark down two free throws to break **Pete Maravich's** NCAA scoring record. My racing thoughts were "there was no 3 point line, no shot clock, freshman couldn't play varsity, at least an asterisk!" Caitlyn Clark is a game changer, as Pete Maravich was 50 years ago.

As a boy growing up in the late 60's, I became hooked on "The

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I have attended Continued Education Classes in the KC area such as Devacuri, Redskin Kenra & other product knowledge forums. I'm behind the chair Tue, Wed, Fri & Saturday

(At right) Carly Lindenmeyer of MANU placed 13th in the NAIA Indoor Pentathlon Championships in Brookings, SD. In her first pentathlon, Lindenmeyer scored an amazing 3249 points. She will lead the Lady Pioneers into the Baker Wildcat Track classic this weekend. Photo by Kristina Bonner, MANU Sports Information grad assistant.



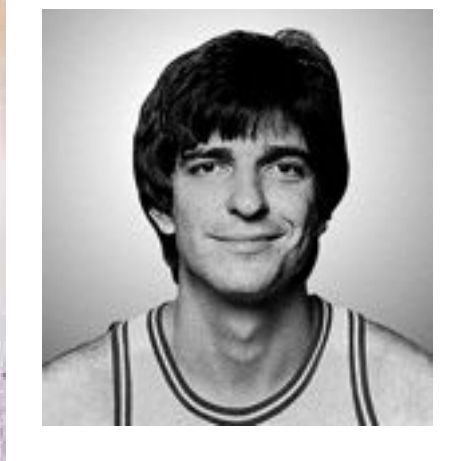
Apparently you can reheat pizza by turning your toaster on its side... your welcome



## Gazette Mother of the Month of May 1986 Appears in West Olathe



Over 40 years ago, The Gazette selected Mothers of the Month and honored them for their devotion, love, resourcefulness, more love, and dedication to raising a family anyone would be proud of. While delivering papers in West Olathe, we were fortunate enough to have recognized former Mother of the Month Bennetta Potts



## Maverik Joins Edgerton Community

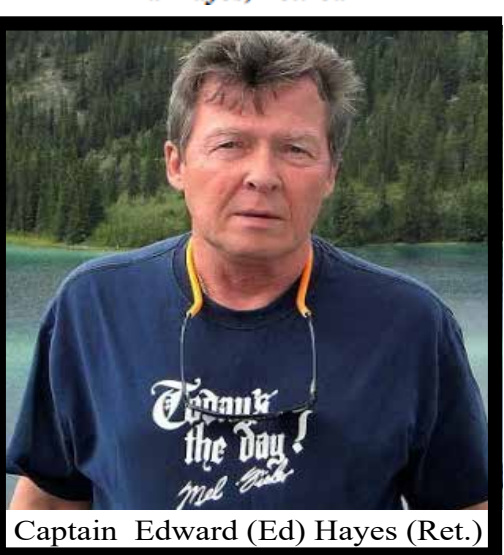
EDGERTON, Kan. -The City of Edgerton is poised for another boost with the imminent arrival of a new travel plaza and fueling station. ElevateEdgerton!, the lead economic development agency for the City of Edgerton, is thrilled to announce the addition of Maverik, which will be one of their first stores in the State of Kansas.

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## THE HAYES REPORT

By Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Captain Ed Hayes, Retired



From "Officers Down Memorial Page," 126 Dead in '23, 43 in '24 Police Officers!

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## Dementia

Here are some symptoms to watch for.

1. Difficulty with everyday tasks. Everyone makes mistakes, but people with dementia may find it increasingly difficult to do things like keep track of monthly bills or follow a recipe while cooking, the Alzheimer's Association says. They may also find it hard to concentrate on tasks, take much longer to do them or have trouble finishing them.
2. Repetition. Asking a question over and over or telling the same story about a recent event multiple times are common indicators of mild or moderate Alzheimer's, according to the Cleveland Clinic.
3. Communication problems. Observe if a loved one has trouble joining in conversations or following along with them, stops abruptly in the middle of a thought, or struggles to think of words or the name of objects.
4. Getting lost. People with dementia may have difficulty with visual and spatial abilities. That can manifest itself in problems like getting lost while driving, according to the Mayo Clinic.
5. Personality changes. A loved one who

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## HAPPY Mother's Day

### My Mother's Day

By Janine Clark-Barry

Recently a large swath of the United States was privy to a total solar eclipse. I was among the millions for which it was convenient. Thinking this being the last opportunity for my Mom to see one, I asked if she would like to go with me. She thought that sounded super, so we made our plans.

Our drive was just under 2 hours even with the traffic and our pit stops, so very well worth the time. We drove to Gainesville, MO, utilizing the smaller highways because the main highway also goes to West



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The Fun Forester

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By Janine Clark-Barry, B.S. Forestry

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### From The Publisher

Community Information by Keith E. Johnson

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NFL kick-off's will be all different now. Both teams line up at 50 yd line and cannot move from there until receiving defender catches the ball. Will mean more scoring, less smash mouth football at kick-off's \*\*

I almost killed a child outside the Olathe east library, while delivering the paper. Yes, so close and I would have killed a 7 yr old kid.

If that had in fact happened, I don't think I could live with myself. Killing a child would probably cause me to do something, a short time later, take my own life. I could not LIVE knowing I had killed someone, even if it was totally an accident. Slow down, you stupid fast-driving kids and irresponsible adults.

A Mexican ice cream truck caused a crowd of Moms & Kids to cluster around it. (Spring Break) I, of course,

### From the Publisher

**"BE CAREFUL OF THOSE INTERNET DATING SITES..."**

...HIS PROFILE SAID HE TRAVELS A LOT AND ALSO OWNS HIS OWN HOME!!

**From the Publisher**

Seniors !! Don't answer your phone, no matter how official the Caller ID may appear. For one thing, the IRS will never, ever call you. Almost no one in power in our country will call you on your phone, so don't be taken in by all the scammers. They will say, tell, lie about anything to get you to start crying or moaning in pain until you give them your hard-earned money. Do NOT answer these calls. PLEASE !!

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Thought For The Day - I was told I can look at an eclipse with a colander. I tried and it strained my eyes!  
Jerry Walter

### Care Prayer Concern

Tammy Thacker, Kiel Johnson, Emory Morgan, Wilma & Bill Wilcox, Adis Stults, Wes Tormeden, Dr Bob Hull, Dave Tebbe, Robert "Bob" Edwards, Sandy Edwards, pneumonia; Becky Morgan, Bill Cole, Lyn Ketterman, Dennis Ficken, Alyssa Smith, Wanda Gourd, Nancy Carr, Anita Lofquest, Coach Dan Eakin, Peter Mitchell, Beverly Rainwater, Gary Osborn, Wes & Nancy McCoy, Dave Sode, Jason Prine, Jim Steele, Don Miller, Sgt E-7 Jerome, Deena Logsdon, Dolores Cortland, Dona Edwards, Gary Underwood, Lanny & Barb Smith, Jim Kennedy, Rick Jones, Joyce Backus, Brenda Harris, Doris Bender; Michael Tuttle, Lucas Butler; Todd Lambert, Mark Swenson, Gary Wells, Robert Walker, Lee Hammond, Dave Harold, Sheila S, Caroline Cowden, Rachel Thornburg, Elvie Cain, Joe Marvil, The American Public & Its Leaders; Kenny McCoy, Anne Metcalf, Jack & Kelly Smith, Mary Ann Noll, Ricky Jo Bjorgaard, Richard Kauffman, Mary Cochran, all bed-ridden Gazette readers, the family of Randy Osler, the Family of Ann Hanlon, Emory Morgan

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### Our Next Six Issues

We operate on advertising dollars. We will print on May 31, 2024. The deadlines are one week prior, so any ad for the next issue, would have to be at our office by May 24. Future issues are May 31, June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug 16, Aug 30.

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From The Publisher  
KEJ the next several papers are May 26, June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug 16, Aug 30

Long-time church friend Bob Hoehn was spotted by the roving Gazette cameraman a few weeks ago. What a super nice guy this former coach is.

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Charlotte O'Hara Gives Views on Matters in Johnson County



Johnson County District Three Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara

Chasm of Dilemma

Ah, the chasm of dilemma as the Board of County Commissioners' chairman, Mike Kelly, wanders through in an attempt to appease his zealots of the left, while struggling to cultivate an appearance of civility to the rest of our county.

On March 7th at the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Chairman Kelly failed to stop or curb a disturbing verbal attack against Christians during public comments. Fortunately this was videoed by volunteers. Remember, the

chairman has censored the broadcast of public comments. The audio file was sent to The Sentinel.

On March 27th The Sentinel published an extensive article with the offensive quotes from the March 7th meeting which were in my opinion, in violation of county policy. One of these quotes... "Conservative Christians aren't looking for religious freedom, they're looking for religious dominance."

After his failure was exposed in the March 27th Sentinel article, the following day, on March 28th, at the BOCC meeting, Chairman Kelly clumsily and ineffectively perhaps(?) attempted to blunt an encore attack on Christians.

Our chairman again fell short and the speaker proceeded to, in my opinion, thread through Chairman Kelly's statement on county policy which prohibits discourteous and offensive comments.

The remedy for Chairman Kelly's conundrum is to simply lift censorship and allow the broadcast of public comments. The sanitizing light of transparency would allow the public to hear and see what is being said at the BOCC's weekly meeting public comment time. The public airing would encourage people to be more courteous and would require "equity" in Chairman Kelly's enforcement of county policies.

We shall see where all this leads: attainment of Chairman Mike Kelly's lofty political ambitions or exposure as a puppet for the extreme left which he is.

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By Earl A Martin, Ed.D

Earl Martin, Ed.D. from Baker University, M.Ed. from Rutgers University; Special Education teacher, Principal of Countryside Elementary, and Director of Elementary Education in Olathe School District; retired as education instructor for Emporia State University.

Thoughts About Book Banning

By Dr. Earl Martin

Book Banning in school districts is a hot topic these days. And like most topics, the discussion is presented in black and white with lots of yelling between sides. And like most topics, the truth is somewhere in the grey, I think. I've thought a lot about this, and here are several key bullet points that should guide our thinking about book selections in schools. In my opinion.

SOMEONE has to make decisions about school district book selections--who is it? Local school district teacher committees make decisions about grade level curriculum books, with guidance from national curricular groups. Local school librarians decide what books should go in the school library, based on recommendations from the National Library Association. Bottom line: local educators ultimately make the decision about what books go in the schools.

When decisions are being made about books to be included in schools, advance decisions are better than retroactive decisions. Which means, greater vigilance about "book selection," considering the content of books before inclusion in schools may prevent divisive "book banning" situations later on.

It is a FACT there has been some abuse and ridiculous assertions about some classic books that have been banned historically, based on how loud some individuals have protested their pet projects. Decisions about book selection have to be made based on what's good for ALL, not on some individual's specific preferences.

It is also a FACT that there are those who think that once a book is in the schools, a withdrawal should never be considered. Note that this is just as extreme as the ridiculous book banning based on individual preferences. Curriculum decisions are made and remade all the time. And mistakes are made. So leave room for reasonable corrections.

Most of the hottest controversies about books in schools deal with sexual or gender identity issues. For me, here's a guideline for that: if the content of books is too inappropriate to be read in a public school board meeting, it should be deemed too inappropriate for inclusion in the schools. Period.

Distinctions have to be made about books included in the grade level curriculum (with distinctions between age and grade levels) that all students are exposed to versus books that can be included in the school library that students have the ability to choose to read based on individual preferences.

Likewise, a distinction has to be made between a school library, where books should have a more focused intent versus a public library, where much greater access to all types of literature should be available to the larger population.

We can figure this out -- if we want to. We just have to be willing to lower our voices and make decisions based on what's good for all the students, not according to our political dogma, either right or left.

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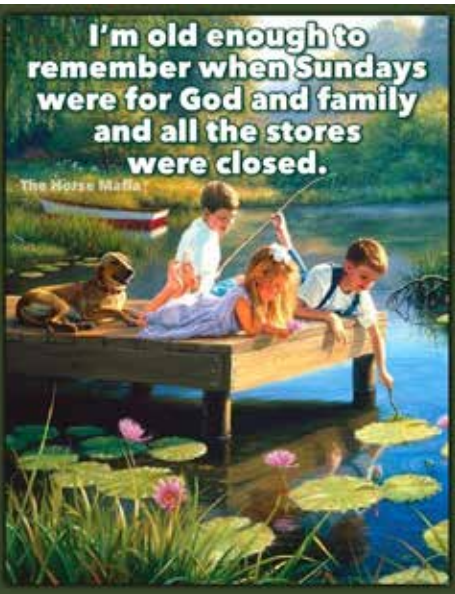
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Letters to the editor



I'm old enough to remember when Sundays were for God and family and all the stores were closed.

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The City of Olathe has announced a new Sip & Shop event at the Johnson County Square this summer. Visit the square from 5 to 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month from May to October for a family-friendly pop-up market featuring local makers, food trucks, music, and more.

Visit https://go.olatheks.gov/4bsERYo to apply to be a vendor. Visit OlatheKS.gov/Special-Events to learn more about Sip & Shop and all other City of Olathe special events.

THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I HAVE IN COMMON WITH COMPUTERS. WE BOTH START OUT WITH LOTS OF MEMORY AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME OUTDATED, CRASH UNEXPECTEDLY, AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO HAVE OUR PARTS REPLACED!

Olathe Community Center Pool to Close for Maintenance

The Olathe Community Center pool will be closed May 27 to Aug. 11 for maintenance and repairs.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause but are committed to providing high quality services for our residents, members, and visitors.

During this time, we will be replastering the entire pool, epoxying the slide stair structure, hot tub, and pool mechanical room to improve safety, and updating paint as needed.

While the updates are being made members can use their Splash Passes, included with their memberships, to visit any outdoor aquatic facility in Olathe including The Beach at Lake Olathe (445 S Wardcliff Dr.), Black Bob Bay (14570 W 151st St.), Oregon Trail Pool (1750 W Dennis Ave.), Frontier Pool (15909 W 127th St.) and Mill Creek Pool (320 E Poplar St.).

Members will also have exclusive access to extended morning hours at Mill Creek Pool where we will replicate our usual morning programming at the community center. Members can access the pool starting at 5 a.m. Mon.-Fri. until 11:30 a.m., from 7-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays and from 10-11:30 a.m. on Sundays.



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A little girl at the wedding afterward asked her mother why the bride changed her mind. "What do you mean?" responded her mother. "Well, she went down the aisle with one man, and came back with another."



Johnson County District Six Commissioner Shirley Allenbrand

Top 5 News and highlights from Johnson County Government - April 2024 Interested in some of the ways Johnson County Government is benefiting your community? Here are the Top 5 Things to know from April 2024! You can learn more about all of these by visiting jocogov.org. Be sure to sign up for our JoCo Monthly e-newsletter while you are there!

1) Chairman Mike Kelly delivered his State of the County address to a full house at the Overland Park Convention Center. He gave some updates on the progress Johnson County Government has made for our community and his vision for the future. You can watch the video of his speech at jocogov.org/stateofthecounty.

2) Hundreds of people attended Johnson County's first-ever opioid symposium. The event brought the community together to collaborate on fighting the opioid crisis in Johnson County. Johnson County Prevention and Recovery Coalition hosted the event.

3) Johnson County Aging and Human Services is expanding its Utility Assistance Program. Assistance is available for electric, water, gas, wastewater or propane utility bills. Financial assistance can be provided for Johnson County residents with past-due utility bills or assistance with payment plans. For information, call 913-715-6653 or visit jocogov.org/utilityassistance.

4) The Board of County Commissioners authorized a license agreement with the City of Overland Park to co-locate MED-ACT at Station 41 (7550 W. 75th St.) for a term of 20 years.

5) U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids visited the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center. She met with county leadership and staff to discuss our ongoing preparedness efforts and learn more about how the county will utilize \$1 million in Community Project Funding being allocated to the EOC to modernize and renovate technology. More than \$17 million in federal funding is coming to Johnson County for infrastructure improvements.



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Whispers of Hope  
by RJ Thesman



It is one of the hardest things we need to do—forgiveness. We may avoid this confrontation until life, a therapist, or painful triggers force us to consider forgiveness.

To forgive the spouse who hurt us so deeply and betrayed our beautiful wedding vows. To forgive doctors and healthcare workers who could not physically save our spouse and forced us to become widows. To forgive God who allowed this horrible thing to happen.

To forgive ourselves for being less than we wanted to be, for making our own mistakes which resulted in so many negatives. Being human means we make mistakes. We fail. But these failures affect our children and our future livelihood.

Without forgiveness, we are stuck under the circumstances, plastered behind walls of veiled bitterness. Without forgiveness, we cannot move forward, and we eliminate true joy. Without forgiveness, we allow those withheld memories to retain their power.

Forgiveness cannot happen instantaneously. It's a day-by-day, just for today, letting the past go. It's a program of release, an intentional practice to stop replaying the damaging mental tapes and rewind to a better place.

But with forgiveness, we step into a new future surrounded by hope and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

RJ Thesman is the author of 26 books and 800+ articles. She is also a writing coach and an editor. Thesman lives in Olathe with her adult son and a spoiled cat. She enjoys gardening, reading, and cooking, especially anything with

## I TOLD HIM I WANTED TO WALK DOWN THE AISLE



## HE SENT ME GROCERY SHOPPING

Thought For The Day:  
A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.  
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does, Jerry Walter

Two friends met after not seeing each other for a couple of months.

Bill: "Jack, you look like you not doing well?"

Jack (swiping the sweat off his brow): "I ain't been ill. It's the work doing me in. Working from seven in the morning till six at night. Only one hour for a break. Think of it. Very taxing on ones body."

Bill: "Wow, and how long has this been going on? How long you been working for that company?"

Jack: "Oh, I haven't been there yet. I begin tomorrow," he added gloomily.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends having a basic Disaster Supplies kit ready, which includes items such as three days' worth of bottled water and non-perishable food, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a whistle, and warm clothing.

### Spring Homeschool Days at Mahaffie

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### HIGHWAY SIGNS IN U.S. & CANADA

Years ago we use to see along the U.S. Highways such as:

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CANADA: SQUEEZE LEFT OR SQUEEZE RIGHT, instead of yield to right of way.

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A bank robber pulls out a gun, points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"

The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'"

The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

Church Announcements and Bulletins (serialized Nov 3, 23) from Dale Applebaugh

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

### Massachusetts Street (Lawrence) Named Among America's Most Charming Main Streets.

Poll of travelers determines the 100 most picturesque main streets in America. King Street in Charleston, South Carolina emerged as the top pick. Infographic showing the 100 most charming main streets. America's main streets are more than just shopping destinations - they are vibrant hubs of community and tradition, with local butchers and bakers creating a fabric of personal connections and local economies. However, as the retail landscape continually evolves with the influx of more malls and online shopping, these cherished mainstays continue to face competition that could dictate their survival.

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What Will They Do Next?

Coach Eakin-OGSA

My Mother's Day

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kitchen to check on the little one that was waking from nap. The girls were strapped in their booster chairs and the other 2 were in their high chairs with their snacks.

Lora Ann and Steph got out of their seats, helped the smaller ones out of the high chairs, then the 2 girls pulled out the cabinet drawers, climbed to the counter then boosted and helped each other get on top of the refrigerator.

When I came back in with the baby, I found the 2 girls on top of the refrigerator, peeling bananas, breaking off pieces and tossing them to the 2 little ones below.

I talked to the girls and explained to them how they could have really been hurt badly. I then told them that sometimes they acted like they were part monkey.

One day at preschool Stephanie told her class that she was part monkey. When the teacher asked how she knew that, Stephanie said it must be true, my Mom and Dad tell me that often.

Appropriate Fishing Only

One morning a husband returns to the cabin after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out, since it is such a beautiful day. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to write you up a ticket."

"For reading a book?" she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her again.

"But officer, I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to write you up a ticket and you'll have to pay a fine."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he immediately departed.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think

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The Olathe Animal Shelter is at capacity. We need your help in making an impact in an animal's life. Dogs and cats are available for adoption. Visit OlatheKS.gov/AnimalShelter to help clear the shelter and find your fur-ever

When I was a kid, my dad and I had a running joke. If anyone asked what he did for a living, I always said, "He's a sports mechanic. He fixes boxing matches and horse races."

Once I answered a teacher this way. She flipped out and summoned my parents. Dad calmed her down by explaining it was a joke.

"So what do you do?" she asked. Dad, a sales rep for a pharmaceutical company said, "I sell drugs."

Thought For The Day- Don't judge someone because they sin differently than you. Jerry Walter

Festival Choral Society To Perform Their Spring Concerts

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Would somebody please explain to me those signs that say, "No animals allowed except for Seeing Eye Dogs?" "Who is that sign for? Is it for the dog, or the blind person?"

Top Ten Senior Pickup Lines. 10. Come here often? If so, could you tell me where I am? 9. Do you have an oxygen tank? Because you took my breath away. 8. Like to come by and see my medicine cabinet? 7. Make like a compression sock and give me a squeeze! 6. Ever had a lap dance in a wheel chair before? 5. Do you play bingo, because I swear I've seen you B4. 4. Hey, baby, Wanna help me test my new hip replacement? 3. That pretty smile of yours would sure look good in a glass on my nightstand! 2. You're not dead yet either? We have so much in common! 1. Your hearing pad or mine?

first year.

In 1977, when Dan Eakin moved to Olathe with his family—wife and four daughters—OGSA was still at the embryo stage. It was in 1979 that Mr. Eakin noticed an ad in Olathe Daily News seeking coaches for OGSA. He answered the ad, and became coach for a girl's softball team sponsored by Duguid-Haynes Insurance Agency.

The uniform for that team was blue jeans and a team shirt. Thanks to Eldon Miller they were able to use two fields at the State School for the Deaf, playing a total of nine games. Mr. Eakin went on to coach OGSA teams for many years. In 1983, he formed The Olathe Express; his three oldest daughters joined him. In 1986, he formed a 12-and-under team—The Kansas City Peppers.

His youngest daughter played for them. For a while, he was coaching both teams. He still keeps up with OGSA activities, and is its current president, although he no longer coaches. At its peak, the league boasted 125 teams. Participation has declined in recent years, due to some teams choosing tournaments over league play. Mr. Eakin calculates that OGSA will field at least 80 teams in 2024. He says that other Metro leagues have been competing with OGSA for players and teams. He also cites the growing popularity of other girl's sports—particularly volleyball and soccer.

Even though Mr. Eakin admits that he didn't know a lot about the rules of girl's softball, he was willing to take the challenge. He had played a lot of baseball—right on into college—and loves the game. He had reservations, though. He says that softball is not necessarily a natural sport for girls. The pace can be slow, unlike basketball or soccer. And his coaching style was unconventional.

"My voice really carries," he says with a shrug. "Everyone thought I was yelling at them. I was merely offering verbal encouragement."

He adds that he wasn't coaching his players any differently than he would have coached boys. And the parents could see that the girls were responding positively to his coaching.

"Plus, we were winning," he says with a grin.

That first year was everyone's rookie season. The next year, a few more players joined the team, and everyone got better. In 1981, their third year, they won 39 games, with only one loss against teams from both Kansas and Missouri. They were invited to—and won—a tournament in Memphis, Tennessee. Also in 1981, Mr. Eakin organized a pitching clinic at Olathe Vocational School. In that first clinic, he introduced windmill fast pitch to the players. Good pitchers have been clocked at 65 miles per hour. The clinic was held for 30 years.

Mr. Eakin knows the value of good pitching, and notes that teams are often built around the pitcher.

"Word got around," he says. "Others saw what we had accomplished. We had trouts—even started recruiting."

Above all, Coach Eakin wanted to be fair to the players. He says that the better ones got to play a lot, but even the weaker players got a chance to get in the game. Nobody sat on the bench all the time.

"If you were good enough to make the team," he says matter-of-factly, "you were good enough to play."

As the seasons passed, and Mr. Eakin stepped away from coaching in 2019. He says that recruiting got even more aggressive, and he couldn't get the pitchers that he was looking for. Plus, other programs were recruiting players, starting in sixth grade.

Dan Eakin misses coaching. He became attached to team members—and their parents. His players from 30 years ago call to chat. A few weekends ago, he met with former players and parents. The girls he had coached would go on to graduate from college; many had played some level of college softball. And they had started careers and families of their own.

Girl's softball in Olathe has come a long way in the last fifty-plus years—in spite of a rough start. From two daytime-only fields to a state-of-the-art seven-field complex, OGSA has grown—and flourished—in Olathe, through leadership from people who volunteer; who sit on the OGSA Board of Directors; and from the City of Olathe. They have made this dream come true. The Olathe Daily News once dubbed Dan Eakin, "The Godfather of Girl's Softball." But his most important legacy has been to help shape young lives. Good job, Coach—



"Time spent with a cat is never wasted."

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Plains which was drawing a very large crowd.

All along the way the bucolic scenery was sending out good vibes and the latent excitement to see such a stunning phenomenon kept us looking forward to wherever we would be stopping. Part of the thrill was to decide where to pull over and watch.

As we turned down Highway 5 in Ava, we began to see people on hill-sides with picnic baskets and camping chairs, donning their stylish eclipse glasses and looking to the sky.

As we entered Gainesville, there were entire parties in full swing along the way. I observed a groundhog standing on haunches looking inquisitively around as the cloudless sky became less and less bright.

It may have been looking at the weird people sitting in unusual places, or it may have been something in the air that was unsettling, but there it was, looking very confused.

We found a place to pull over and get comfortable before the event happened. I brought my camera and Mom brought her cell phone. I also had approved eclipse glasses for both of us, a camp chair for Mom, her sun hat, and some snacks. As we sat and tried to watch the event unfold, Mom had great difficulty because of her extreme light sensitivity.

It physically hurts for her to be in the sunshine with her eyes open. My thought about this particular day was that it would be much less bright the whole time we were out, so not too bad for her. Turned out I was wrong, but when the eclipse was total, she was able to remove her glasses and hat and look up in wonder with me. We were gobsmacked! Afterwards Mom said: "That was a very beautiful thing."

As the sun peeked back out, she told me a story about an eclipse experience in her childhood. There was a neighbor that had all kinds of equipment with which to view it and she was able to see it then, too.

This would have been back in the 1940's, so finding ways to safely view it took more thought than where to buy a pair of eclipse glasses. Our common experience and her story has marked my heart. That she still has a sense of wonder and awe at the forces of nature gives me hope that I, too, will be appreciative of the world around me in my very late life.

Happy Viewing!

Thought for today .... There is a blessing in every trial in your life, but you have to leave your heart open to see it.

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### Pistol Pete Marovich

Pistol". I bought his books and instructional tapes, watched his movie 'The Pistol' many times, wore his number 7 and saw him play. I wanted to be like Pete, play like Pete and even look like Pete, floppy socks and all.

It all started in the winter of 1968. My folks lived outside the small town of Gideon, deep in the botheol of Missouri on the fringes of SEC territory. TV reception was bad, no cable then and only three channels. I was on the roof of our old two story house turning the antenna. Down below my Dad was at the television and my brother Roger at the window. When the LSU game came in good I got the relay "That's good!" We were all glued to the set watching Pistol Pete. It was like basketball you had never seen before, so surreal!

Pete got his nickname as a 5'2", 90 pound 8th grader playing on the high school varsity. A reporter seeing him shoot the ball off his hips like a gunslinger called him 'Pistol Pete' and the legend was born. His dad Press, a former pro and college coach, got his wish in a boy when Pete was born in June of 1947. Seeing the baby for the first time he hollered at the nurses "look at those hands and feet, the kid's got it!" Press already saw basketball greatness written all over little Pete.

Wasting no time Press would shoot baskets in front of him hoping to fuel a hunger and passion for the game that he had. Seeds were planted and by the time he was four Pete had his dad's passion and by the age of seven his dad's dream. Pete would later say he was a human basketball, an android programmed to play basketball. Growing up Pete always had a basketball in his hand. He dribbled, the two miles to and from town even while riding his bike.

His dad put him in the car with his head out the window teaching him to control his dribble at different speeds. He shot, dribbled and would spin the ball on his fingers until they were raw and bleeding. Press gave Pete a set of drills called **Homework Basketball**. Pete worked for hours perfecting these drills and when he got bored he made up his own drills.

He slept with a basketball until he was 13 repeating the mantra his dad taught him "fingertip control, backspin, follow through". With thousands of hours of practice by the time he was in high school Pete was a basketball wizard. He electrified crowds who flocked to watch him play at home and away, amazed at a style of basketball they had never seen before. After Pete's graduation Press got a job as head coach at LSU and Pete followed, a package deal.

Again Pete filled the arenas getting standing ovations wherever he played. The officials had difficulty following his play. Pete would come down the court on a fast break, wave his hand over the ball and tip it in the opposite direction, a disappearing ball trick. He'd get called for traveling prompting Pete to holler at the referee "You didn't even see it!"

After reviewing tapes it was decided that only experienced referees could do his games. Pete finished his college career at LSU with a 44.2 per game scoring average over 3 years.

He went over 50 points 28 times and 60 points 4 times, and that with double and triple coverage most of the time. He is regarded by many as the best college basketball player of all time.

In 1970 Pete was drafted by the *Atlanta Hawks* for 1.9 million, at that time the richest contract in sports history. At 6'5" and over 200 pounds Pete was excited about pro ball. I remember watching his first game. Pete came off the bench, quickly stole a pass, hit a jumper and minutes later scored on a fast break. But he struggled in his first few years with the Hawks.

Players were jealous of his star status and contract, and unaccustomed to his style of play. Yet in his four years with the Hawks Pete made the All Star team and averaged over 26 points. In 1974 Pete was traded to the *New Orleans Jazz*. Coming "home" his career blossomed. In his tenth season Pete led the league in scoring and went for 69 points against the *Knicks* and the best defender in the league, Walt Frazier. Pete had now achieved his dream as the best player in basketball, and nobody could stop him.

But just as the playoffs were about to begin Pete hurt his knee. The ever showman never missing an opportunity to entertain, Pete on a fast break at half court went up in the air, through a pass behind his back and under his legs and over a defender to a teammate under the basket for a lay-up. The crowd went wild, but Pete went down injuring his knee. Having to wear a cumbersome knee brace he was never the same after that. Hoping for the championship that ever eluded him, Pete went to the *Boston Celtics* in 1979.

Living in Colby I went with some friends to watch him play the *Nuggets* in Denver in early 1980. Pete came out before the game and put on his Showtime act for the fans. He put on an exhibition of dribbling, trick shots, and spinning the ball on his fingers, off his knee and onto his head into the basket. One of the guys I was with was from Boston and basketball coach at Colby High. When Pete went to sit down after his performance my friend had the

audacity to walk onto the court, shake hands and say a few words to Pete. Security immediately escorted him off the court and out of the arena. Needless to say he got his reward but missed the game. Boston would go on to lose in the playoffs to Philadelphia.

The following year Boston won the championship but Pete did not come back. He retired saying it was no longer fun and did not want a championship playing as a sub. Pete was an NBA All Star five times, on the all NBA team four times and scored over 16,000 points. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987. The Hall of Fame states Pete as "probably the greatest creative offensive player in basketball history and the greatest ball handler of all time".

After retirement Pete said he was never happy playing college or professional, feeling it was something he was just born to do. He struggled with all the hype and pressure. He had developed a drinking problem in college to numb the emptiness he felt. He lost his mother to suicide and never got over not being there for her. She had dealt with depression and loneliness partly due to Press and Pete always being away and performing.

The two years after retiring Pete went into a deep depression and contemplated suicide. One night in 1983 he was very troubled and could not sleep. At one point he woke up covered in sweat and heard the voice of God, "Be strong and lift up your heart". After that Pete was a totally changed person happy and at peace for the first time in his life.

He traveled the country doing clinics for youth teaching his *Homework Basketball* and sharing Christ. He signed autographs with *Philippians 4:13* under his name. He visited prisons and inmates on death row, schools and hospitals, sharing his faith. His wife Jackie, who was not a believer saw the change in Pete and became a Christian.

She said he once bought 200 to 300 turkeys and hand delivered them at Christmas. Pete also led his dad to Christ and they traveled to Israel teaching coaches basketball fundamentals and strategy. Pete was an exceptional speaker always being asked to share his testimony, even did so at a *Billy Graham Crusade* in 1987.

**Dr. James Dobson** of Focus on the Family invited Pete to Pasadena for an interview on his Christian radio program. In the middle of a friendly pickup game in a Nazarene church with Dr Dobson he asked Pete how he felt. Pete said "I feel great" then seconds later collapsed and died. Autopsy showed he was born missing his left coronary artery. Doctors said it was a miracle he had lived past 20. Pete died in the only two places he had found peace, a gym and a church.

I have a large picture of Pete, when he was with the *Jazz* hanging on the wall by the door entering my gym. I often ask who the picture is. Seldom will a young adult know, and it is very rare that a youth will know that it is **Pistol Pete**. Pete said in a testimony the year before he died that in time his name, his accomplishments and all his trophies will be forgotten and only dust. It has only been a little over 40 years since Pete wore that number 7 on the *Jazz* and he is already largely forgotten. His basketball records will be forgotten or broken too. *But the many lives he touched for Christ will live on forever.*

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# Gazette Sports

Featuring Gazette Sports Editor Emeritus  
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### Gazette Glances

by **Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports**  
Congratulations to Coach **David Birch** on winning the 6A boys basketball Coach of the Year honors. Birch, former Olathe East and Ottawa University basketball standout, guided the SM Northwest Cougars to a perfect 25-0 record and a big win over state power Wichita Heights in the final. Birch has an overall 94-21 record and has all state players **Keaton Wagler and Ethan Taylor** returning.

Also winning Coach of the year was **Rick O'Neill** at Wellsville high. O'Neill led the Eagles to an impressive 23-3 record and its first 3A state title in 30 years.

O'Neill has led many teams throughout the state including St. Paul, Towanda Circle, Great Bend, **Spring Hill** and **Wellsville** compiling 641 wins.

Speaking of basketball, be sure and read **Gazette** guest columnist **Stuart Stiles** piece on the great 'Pistol Pete Maravich'. Stiles does a great job of recounting the trials and tribulations of Maravich.

**Wyatt Thompson**, the K-State play-by-play man for football and men's basketball, did a nice job of filling in for **Jake Eisenberg** on the Royals three-game series broadcast in New York recently. It was Thompson's first time calling major-league games and fulfilled a lifelong dream.

In the high school track and field arena, Olathe West continues its dominance.

The girls team has been led by **Bree Newport, Kate Miller, Kalyn Willingham, Lily Brewer, Colby Brown and Abi Faimon**. The boys scoring leaders have been **Dayton Richardson, Isaac Shilling, Gunnar Hornung, Tyler DeGroof and Braeden Gillam**.

At Olathe North, **Ka Liyah McGinnis** recently set school records in 100 and 200 meter races. **Kaiya McKie** set a personal best 100 hurdle mark and **Anjali Hocker-Singh and Kaylee Tobaben** have excelled in the 1600.

For the boys, **Jacob Parrish** has been the leading point winner scoring in the 400 meters, 110 hurdles and 400 relay. **Paul Rowden**, high jump, and **Mason Hyskell**, shot put, have been consistent.

Finally, Mid America Nazarene University Head football coach **Paul Hansen** reports on a solid spring training and April 20th scrimmage game. Construction work on the Pioneers new stadium remains on schedule.

The defending Heart of America champions begin the 2024 season at Culver-Stockton Sept. 7. First home game comes at CBAC Sept. 15 against Peru State.



### Two At Olathe East Sign Football Scholarships

Two more Olathe East students have signed national Letter of Intent to play college football this fall. Coach **Courtney Porter** said **Jalen Proctor** will take his talents to **William Woods** while **Zion Wayne** will play at nearby **Baker University**. Congrats and Best of Luck from the *Joco Gazette*.

### KSHSAA TRACK AND FIELD MEET ON SCHEDULE FOR MAY 24-25, 2024 AT CESSNA STADIUM, WICHITA, KS

Update of Cessna Stadium Renovation Project

Phase 1 has been underway since last summer, most notably the demolition of the East side bleachers.

Phase 2 will begin immediately after the state meet ends May 25. It calls for the widening of the field to accommodate soccer and the installation of a 9-lane track.

"This is going to be a remarkable facility," said longtime Wichita State track Coach and SM East grad **Steve Rainbolt**. It will be a game-changer not only for the WSU program but state-wide high school track and field."

**Kyle Doperalski**, KSHSAA Track and Field Administrator said, "No doubt the 2024 state meet will have a different look and feel but promised the format will remain the same."

The State meet will run May 24-25 at Cessna stadium. All six classes will be featured with a two-day schedule and start time both days is 8 a.m.

### K-State's Thompson Fills In For Royals 3-Game Series Broadcast

For Kansas State followers, a familiar voice was heard on the Royals recent 3-game weekend series in New York.

**Wyatt Thompson**, a member of the Kansas Broadcasting Hall of Fame, fulfilled a lifelong dream broadcasting a major-league game.

Thompson is the Wildcats play-by-play man for football and men's basketball. He is joined in the booth by **Stan Weber**.

"Baseball was my first sports love," said **Thompson**, who has called baseball games at K-State. I could hardly put into words how exciting it was."

### Lady Broncos Track Team 4th At Lawrence Invitational

by **Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports**  
Marisa January placed second in the 800 and 1600 meters leading the Spring Hill Lady Broncos to the Lettel Legacy Invitational at Lawrence Free State last week.

January timed 2:15.8 in the 800 meters and 5:14.9 in the 1600 race. Lily Bunker took fourth in the 100 hurdles in 16.78 and was fifth in the 300 hurdles in 50.98.

Field event points came from **Margo Todd** who heaved the shot put 39'7" to take second and later tossed the discus 137'4" to finish first. **Haylee Whitcraft** threw the javelin 116'2" to place 7th. **Adelyn O'Hanlon** leaped 11' to place 2nd in the pole vault and **Jolee Castro** cleared 10'6" for 3rd in the same event.

"It was a great evening for track and field, said Coach **Brent Smith-eran**. Fierce competition and great weather. We were real pleased with the effort as we get set for the **KU Relays**."

### Hansen Sets Olathe North Long Jump Record

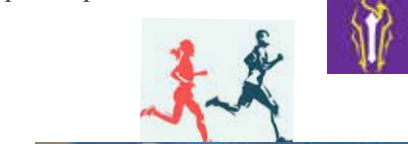
Olathe North senior **Hannah Jensen** leaped a school record long jump of 18'10" at the SM West Invitational. It eclipsed the old mark

### Buscher Is Tri-County Girls Basketball Player Of The Year

Spring Hill junior forward **Sydney Buscher** was recently named Tri-County girls basketball player of the year.

Buscher averaged 17.9 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. She added 2.7 assists and 2.3 steals per game.

She led Spring Hill to a 14-7 record and Frontier league title. The team also won the Top Gun Championship in Wellsville.



Friday was a great evening for track and field, fierce competition and great weather. We were quite pleased with our performances and how they set us up going into **Kansas Relays**.

### From Friday's Lettel Legacy Invitational at Lawrence Free State:

- Our placers were:
- 800m, Marisa January: 2nd (2:15.82)
  - 1600m, Marisa January: 2nd (5:14.90)
  - 100m hurdles: Lily Bunker: 4th (16.78)
  - 300m hurdles: Lily Bunker: 5th (50.98)
  - Shot Put: Margo Todd: 2nd (39' 7")
  - Discus: Margo Todd: 1st (137' 4")
  - Javelin: Haylee Whitcraft: 7th (116' 2")
  - Pole Vault: Adelyn O'Hanlon: 2nd (11' 0")
  - Pole Vault: Jolee Castro: 3rd (10' 6")
- The girls team finished in 4th with 61 points
- 400m, Jack Gisel: 7th (51.90)
  - 1600m, Calen George: 4th (4:28.91)
  - 3200m: Logan Beckman: 2nd (9:29.10)
  - 110m hurdles: Cody Hockett: 3rd (15.61)
  - 4x400m Relay: Hockett, Smith-eran, Oberkrom, Gisel: 5th (3:29.21)
  - Shot Put: Jackson Torrez: 2nd (50' 3")
  - Discus: Jackson Torrez: 6th (131' 2")
  - Javelin: Miles Pankey: 6th (154' 0")
- The boys team finished in 7th with 39 points

We have our varsity group at **Kansas Relays** this Friday-Saturday. The rest of our team will be in action on Thursday at **Louisburg**.



At right Olathe North's **Anjali** is a 5x state champ. 4x in XC. 1 time in track. The 3200 her freshman year. She has been runner up 2x in track as well.

**Anjali Hocker Singh** will lead the Olathe North track team this spring. She has an amazing 5 state track and cross country state 6A titles.

A father took his 5 year old son to several baseball games where The Star-Spangled Banner was sung before the start of each game.

Then the father and son attended a church on a Sunday shortly before Independence Day.

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from **Steve Rainbolt**, old SM East high school track teammate and Wichita State U Head Track and Field coach. He high jumped 6'11 in 74-unbelievable then!

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Dave Highfill

### HCA Track Team Post High Marks

By **Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports**

A trio of Heritage Christian Academy track and field athletes posted season best marks in local competition last week.

Senior **Rachel Van Gorp** sailed a season best 18'10" in the long jump-tops in 3A and second best in Class 1-6A. She also ran a season best 400 meter time of 59.82-ranks number two in 3A. Her 200 meter clocking of 26.1 is 3rd best in 3A.

Sophomore **Juliana Parr** ran 2:28 in the 800 meters-number 1in the region and 5th best in 3A.

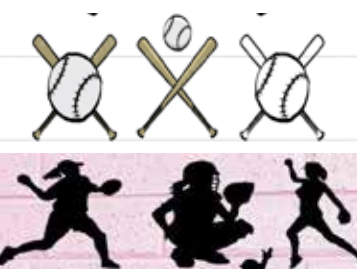
She also ran the 1600 in 5:34-2nd best in the region.

Not to be outdone, senior **Maddy Wolf** threw the javelin 139.5 feet-second best in 3A and 3rd best in 1-6A.

### Two Broncos Named To All-Frontier League Boy Basketball Team

Spring Hill's **Chase Bond** and **Jordan Miller** were recently named to the Frontier All-league boys basketball team.

**Bond**, a senior, earned a first-team selection while **Miller**, a sophomore, was



Record Setter!  
**MANU** softball player **Cordelia Hanger** stands on second base after hitting a double. Hanger holds school records for total career hits and steals. She will lead the Pioneers in a home weekend series against **Baker**.

At left is Spring Hill's **Marisa January** placed second in the 800 and 1600 meters at the Lettel Invitational at Lawrence Free State last week. Submitted photo.



Anjali wins still another great race

We're looking forward to **KU relays** this week, we have a group of 23 athletes in a variety of events. **Anjali** is healthy which is awesome. She's in the 3200, 1600 and is going to run on our 4 x 8.

Other highlights that we've had is **Hannah Jensen** broke our school record in the long jump, jumping 18'2". And then not necessarily performance wise, but we had six student athletes sign to run **Cross Country** or track in

### Bronco Boys Track Team Wins Paola Invitational, Girls Second

by **Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports**

Scoring 136.5 points, the Spring Hill boys track team brought back first place honors from the Paola Invitational April 4. **Eudora** was runner-up and host **Paola** took third.

On the girls side, Spring Hill took second to **Eudora** and **Paola** third.

**Marisa January** was once again a double-winner capturing 800 and 1600 meter titles. She ran a time of 2 minutes and 20 seconds in the 800 and clocked 5:15 in the 1600.

**Legacy Murphy** was runner-up in the 400-meter dash. **Lily Bunker** took second in the 100-meter hurdles. She was third in the 300-meter hurdles.

**Margo Todd** was second in the shot put and discus. The Lady Broncos took second in the 400-meter relay and third in the 1600-meter relay.

For the boys, **Calen George** led the way winning the 1600-meter race in an excellent time of 4:29. **Cody Hockett** won the 300-meter hurdles in 40:95 and took second in the 110-hurdles. **Carter Meek** won first place in the shot put with a heave of 50-4.

The Bronco 3200 relay of **Brody Kerr, Zachary Anderson, Jack Janovick** and **Walker Roberts** also brought home gold.

**Janovick** also took second in the 3,200-meter run and **Seth Oberkrom** was second in the high jump and triple jump.

**Jackson Torrez** took second in the shot put and discus.

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Since everywhere I look, I see the color green, it often times makes me think of ways that I might help keep our planet a little nicer. Below are a few simple, easy-to-do ideas. Most folks love their coffee first thing in the morning and the convenience of the coffee maker that allows you to drop that little pod cup in and have a perfect cup is wonderful.

You might try buying a reusable pod cup, this will help you save money as well. If you enjoy one of our local coffee shops, you might take your own cup, not only will you eliminate waste, but you might also get a discount!

Time for dinner and we grab a paper towel as a napkin. A purchase of cloth napkins is a modest investment. They last for years and make every meal feel a little more special. A stash of microfiber cloths at hand can easily replace the use of paper towels for mopping up spills or cleaning windows and the bathroom, instead. In addition, linen towels do a much better job of drying dishes than paper ones.

It sounds a little crazy, but we can also practice conservation in our closets. By creating a "capsule" wardrobe of fewer but higher quality pieces, you'll feel like you have more clothing and will avoid wasting money on cheaper garments, you might throw away. Don't forget to share when cleaning out closets. Many of our neighbors could use our gently worn clothing.

We have many places close by to take these items such as Catholic Charities, Goodwill etc. Some companies recycle used t-shirts or athletic shoes to create new products. Also, return dry-cleaning hangers so they can be reused. Simple tips like these can create a happier, healthier and more valuable home. Thank you for thinking of The Hougland Team for all of your real estate needs and be sure to share our contact information with anyone who might be looking to sell or invest in a home. We wish you all the happiest of Easter Seasons!

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It's April! We're over half way thru April! Let's see, we've had the Eclipse, Tax deadline, Boston Marathon, Olathe Marathon, Earth Day, 80-degree days, and some really windy days! I'm hoping that the days of frost and freezing are over because I'm starting to move my plant forest out of the house to the back deck! I have a neighbor who prefers to wait until MOTHER'S DAY to move plants out. On a recent very warm day I decided to take the grill cover off and see if any critters had spent time in the grill this winter. It wasn't too bad, so grilling time has begun!

April is known as National Gardening Month here in the Northern Hemisphere. April Showers bring May Flowers! Yes, we just received some rain, could use more, but every little bit helps. It's always good to see the perennials pop up after spending the winter hibernating. I've not yet gone to the garden centers to pick up flowers and tomato plants. Last year's tomato crop was pretty lousy so I'm hoping for better results this year. I just learned that one is never too old to learn something new! In my research for Spring traditions including food, I came across a recipe for Cream of Fiddlehead Soup. What in the world is Fiddlehead?

Fiddleheads are the ostrich fern's young fronds. Fiddleheads are named for resembling the ornamental ends of fiddles and other string instruments. They are not common to our area, more in the New England and Eastern Canada region. Are you still with me? Boston Fern maybe I but I've never heard of an ostrich fern. An ostrich animal but an ostrich fern? It does suggest that if you can't find fiddleheads for this recipe, try it with sliced fresh asparagus. Now that I understand! I'm always happy to see the asparagus pop up in the spring. It's never too early to start planning for the really special day in May which is always on the 2nd Sunday—MOTHER'S DAY!

What is best to make? Do you make reservations? For us it's usually gather at home and celebrate Mom. Speaking of celebrations, May is also Graduation month. Another milestone accomplished, so celebrate! Looking thru cookbooks for some ideas to share this time, I came across rhubarb. Yes, rhubarb is spring, and this is a Grandmother recipe! Can't go wrong with that for a Mother's Day treat! Then I was looking for a recipe for coleslaw since I have most of a head of cabbage left over from corned beef and cabbage in March. I have a favorite one stashed somewhere in my collection but couldn't find it. Looked in Havencroft School cookbook and found another Grandmother recipe so that it fits well with the Mother and Grandmother Day idea! And then on to Graduation celebrations, how about Buffalo Chicken Dip? I'm sure most young folks would enjoy that appetizer. The recipes below start off with spring food traditions and then move to May and Mother's Day and Graduation Day! Call me a little goofy with Fiddlehead Soup but maybe I made you smile? Enjoy!

**Cream of Fiddlehead Soup**  
1 1/2 c. fiddleheads, cleaned and finely chopped  
OR Asparagus!  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cubes chicken bouillon  
1 small onion, minced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 cups milk  
2 cups heavy cream  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Steam the fiddleheads for 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Set aside. In a saucepan, melt the butter and bouillon cubes over medium heat. Add the fiddleheads, onions, and garlic, and cook for 10 minutes. Add the milk, stir frequently, and heat thoroughly. Add the cream, stir to incorporate, and season with salt and pepper. Serve steaming hot.

**Grandma Proctor's Rhubarb Cake**  
1 1/2 c. rhubarb  
3/4 c. sugar  
3/4 c. brown sugar  
2/3 c. oil  
1 egg  
1 c. buttermilk or  
1 c. milk and 1 tsp. vinegar  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. salt  
2 1/2 c. flour  
Mix all together. Grease pan.  
Topping:  
1/2 c. sugar  
1 Tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
Crumble on top before baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

**Pam McNicoll**  
**Granny Purvis' Coleslaw**  
2 small heads cabbage, shredded or  
1 pkg. pre-shredded  
1 small onion, chopped fine  
1 green pepper, chopped  
4 to 5 stalks celery, chopped  
Shredded carrots  
3/4 c. oil  
3/4 c. vinegar  
1 1/2 c. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
Combine all vegetables in large pot. Combine oil, vinegar, sugar, and salt in pan. Bring to rapid boil. Slowly pour over vegetables. Do not stir. Let sit for 1 hour. Refrigerate. Lasts 10 days.

**From Havencroft 1992 Cookbook Mandy Stark**  
**Buffalo Chicken Dip**  
2, (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1 c. Ranch salad dressing  
3/4 c. hot wing sauce  
1 1/2 c. Cheddar cheese, shredded  
1 pkg. boneless chicken breast, cooked and shredded  
Heat oven to 400 degrees. In large bowl, combine cream cheese, salad dressing, hot sauce, and shredded cheese until well blended. Gently stir in chicken. Spoon dip into 2-quart casserole dish. Bake 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

**Pat Schroeder**  
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A man has to take a business trip overseas so he entrusts his best friend with the job of keeping an eye on his wife. If anything out of the ordinary should occur, his friend was to notify him immediately.  
After about a week with no contact, the businessman received a telegram containing only one sentence. "The man who comes to visit your wife every night didn't show up yesterday."  
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Thought for today ....  
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Thought For The Day - Enjoy doing your children's laundry. Someday they'll be gone.  
Jerry Walter  
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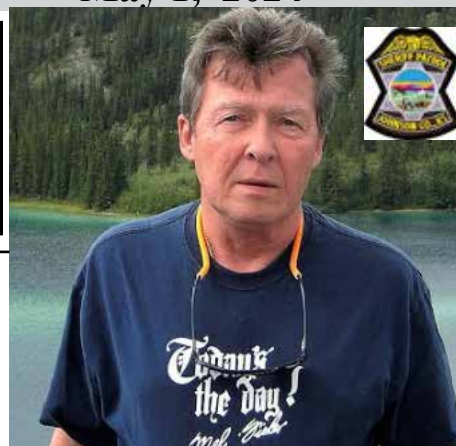
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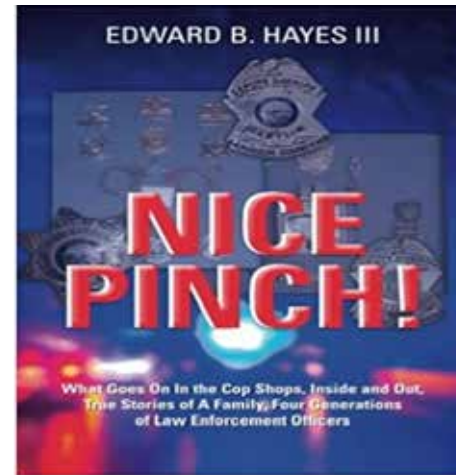
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ed, said was happening and what was coming. The enablers, Politicians, media, big business, churches, billionaires, all the one world order people, were against us.

Along with donations members spent their own dollars supporting the organization and trying to get the word out. The mission was to educate the public which was mainly on deaf ears. I lost count on the number of times I talked to a media person whose reply was, "I didn't know that!" But they were small cogs in the machinery and things didn't change. Now, as awareness is and has taken place due to the enabler's actions in DC more are waking up.

In short, we were trying to bring awareness to facts like, IT IS AN INVASION, every state is now an open border, not just the 4 southern states. We were talking about disease being brought into the US, the impact on the education system, which is bad enough as it is, and more. I will expand on this next time on facts, facts we were trying to educate the public on, facts that are now out there and we all know it. I was talking about the "invasion, every state was now open borders" over twelve years ago. I was criticized by the lawyers for the MCDC, told not to say those things, I did not listen to them.

As it turns out, the lawyers were all about themselves, collecting money from the organization, and not about America. And something else happened to the MCDC that frequently happens to many other organizations. While us members were working our butts off for the cause, the MCDC leaders turned on us.

At first, leader, Chris Simcox had his priorities in the right place, he did get us started. But after a while it became all about him, and then he decided to run for the Senate and abandoned us, telling us to disband the organization. While there are still a few Minuteman chapters operating in our countries, most went on to other organizations.

I was proud of what I was doing, still am. On a final note, it's refreshing that my good friends, and they still are, who warned me about my reputation, all became educated and joined the fight. The MCDC is not recognized for trying to do what we did. The media will never admit that they were wrong and who was right, have ya ever heard a report about that?

IF you would like to learn more about Johnson County, the metro area and law enforcement history, buy my book, "Nice Pinch"; available in paperback and kindle, at Amazon or order from Barnes & Noble. Ed Hayes can be contacted by email at americanpatriots@sbcglobal.net, or 913 620-0771. ~~~~~ A man having lunch at a Chinese restaurant noticed that the table had been set with forks, not chopsticks. He asked why. The waiter said "Chopsticks were provided only on request." "But," the man countered, "if you gave your patrons chopsticks, you wouldn't have to pay someone to wash all the forks." "True," the waiter shot back, "but we would have to hire three more people to clean up the mess."

From Officers Down Memorial Page, 43 Officers Killed in the Line of Duty This Year, 126 last year.

Thought for today, and a fact, as we get older, the news of a good friend's demise, the deaths, comes all too often.

NOW, WOW! Talk about a bombshell! Just like that! A couple weeks ago, the morning news by Bloomberg was this, here it is:

The mayor of Kansas City Missouri is negotiating with the Denver and New York Mayors to relocate illegal aliens to Kansas City from those towns. I guess he doesn't know about the crime rates in KCMO.

He also, in his lack of common sense, doesn't know, won't consider, the additional crimes this will add to the numbers, the threats to public safety, our police, and our citizens. Consider the tax money to take care of these people, your dollars that could be used for Americas needs.

Crimes that before 20 years ago were not that prevalent, now are rampant. Just consider a criminal act and they are included, now add to that, the do-nothing cop hater prosecutor in Jackson County, Missouri and that bleeding heart will take the illegals side before any American citizen or especially a cop.

That's about illegal aliens who broke Americas laws, the nation's laws, to invade this country. A small percentage of American population, (7%) of the population commit 64% of federal crimes in America according to the Department of Justice. Can anyone tell me why this is being done? The question of course, is rhetoric.

Check the crime rates in Denver and New York City Mr. Q. Where's your common sense! IF this happens and it will, how long do ya think it will be before they move to Johnson County. This radical mayor is bringing more crime and danger to the entire Metropolitan area and he is breaking the laws to do it. Arrests of noncitizens by the U.S. government more than tripled over the past decade and now account for 64 percent of all federal arrests.

IF these people come into KC, you can also bet that our liberal head county commissioner will bend over backwards to bring to JO CO. Whether they come by bus, airplane or any other venue, law enforcement should meet the bus or airplane and arrest the bus driver or pilot who is transporting them.

Why? How many times have we heard of coyotes transporting illegals into America in a bus, van, car, truck or anything else? The coyote is arrested! Why is this any different? Before I retired, my dream was to live in Colorado, downhill skiing and motorcycle trips had me hooked. I spent my first month of retirement staying with a friend and playing in the mountains.

Purely by accident I bought a property as an investment, I made an offer I just knew would not be (continues at right)

accepted, they took it! It wasn't too long before I decided to build a house, which I did. Over 20 years ago, now, and settled in, I hadn't been in Colorado very long before I was hearing on the news, reports about the crime spree, in Denver and Colorado Springs. At that time there were only two news stations in my area that WAS news

If you want to call it that in today's world. Each night, reports were Hispanics killing each other as well as anyone else that got in their way, that was the nucleus of crimes committed. I was in the dark, I was amazed, having been a COP for 29 years, now retired. Why is this, I wondered, that is when I began to wake up.

It was about that point in time that I was hearing about Americans sitting in lawn chairs on the border and reporting to Border Patrol illegals coming across the border, breaking the laws of our country, I started paying attention to what they were doing, at first, I thought it to be a bit amusing.

These were the men and women of the Minuteman Civil Defense (MCDC) organization, coming together, concerned with what they were witnessing. At that time they were mainly locals of Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and California but others were coming to take part.

I decided to research, check them out. My good friend Steve, called me one evening. I could see that he was as concerned as I was. Steve asked this question, "What are we going to do about all of these people, unlawfully, coming into our country?" My response was this, "I don't know for sure Steve, but I am going to join the MCDC and see what they are all about."

At that time most folks believed what the MCDC people were doing was silly, unneeded, and uncalled for. They were in the dark as I was. I had good friends that warned me, what I was doing was going to damage my reputation. I tried to reason with them, educate them and they just stuck to their opinions. I didn't quit because I could see the problem. At that time the MCDC had just a few thousand members, it grew a lot more for the next few years.

The MCDC did not take just anyone who wanted to join. They conducted background checks on each applicant and IF you were a convicted felon or did other serious crimes, you were not allowed. Soon I was asked to be the leader of the Kansas State chapters, I accepted, and work began. My organizational skills (they said) were key and Kansas members grew to the hundreds. Not too long after that they needed a Missouri leader, I accepted, and Missouri members grew.

Nationwide, members of the MCDC grew into the thousands. Whether the media agreed or not, they covered us, we were the news. The American president at the time, Bush the younger, called us "VIGILANTES" and that put a negative opinion by some on the MCDC. We didn't care, Bush in my mind was ignorant, a One World Order supporter as was his daddy and we ignored him. He didn't know as we did that the definition of "VIGILANTE" is "Watchman."

The reason I am sharing this right now is what is still going on in this country, and with the current open border policy, that's what they call it, IT IS AN INVASION. Everything the MCDC members, me includ-

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Top 5 reasons why computers must be female

5. No one but their creator understands their logic.
4. Even the smallest mistakes are immediately committed to memory for future reference.
3. The native language used to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
2. The message, "Bad command or filename," is about as informative as "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."
1. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

Thought For The Day - The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary Jerry Walter

Advertisement for Watch Repair and Jewelry services, including a \$5.00 off coupon and contact information.

Advertisement for Agnes Gates Realty, a full service real estate company with contact information.

Advertisement for Moncho's Tires and Wheels, featuring used tires and auto service.

Advertisement for Olathe Historical Society Meeting at Heritage Center, including a photo of Margaret Endecott.

Advertisement for Dale's Tow Service, featuring a Saturday auction on June 8th, 2024.

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**Bit of History about Desoto**

*Gail Sawyer*

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## Maverik Coming from Page One

Maverik sells exclusive products such as fresh-made, gourmet burritos, sandwiches, pizzas, toasted subs, cookies, and coffee blends from around the world.

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"We are extremely excited for Maverik to become a part of the Edgerton Community. With housing, industrial and commercial projects currently under development, this project provides just another example of the exciting growth Edgerton is contributing to region," says James Oltman, President of ElevateEdgerton!

Maverik plans to build a roughly 6,000 square-foot travel plaza on the southwest corner of Homestead and 199th Street. It will feature various amenities, including freshly prepared food, mobile app ordering, and a rewards program. Site work has already begun with vertical construction anticipated to begin in mid-2024.

### BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

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In 1936 she married Paul A. Kassen, Sr. she passed in 2002. She had 4 sons and 7 grandchildren. "My Mother guided me to where I am today. She definitely earned her wings." middle son Lt. Col Kenneth W. Kassen



**Mothers' Day Sun., May 12,24**



**Marie Highfill**, Dave Highfill's Mom. She passed away July 17, 2018 at Olathe Hospice. Born Nov. 18, 1931 in Leavenworth, Ks. Mom was a great listener, always taking time to listen to her kids and help with problems. It was her greatest gift. Disciplined, understanding, patient, even keeled. She had an ability to see through things and people. Could never pull one over on her - always 1 step ahead. Already had it figured out. Devoted wife and Christian. She loved family and all activities that went with it. At her passing it was read, "I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done." Well done, Mom and Happy Mom's day. Dave Highfill



**Betty Houglund**

Betty Houglund was Mother of Steve, Mike, Elaine, & Allison Houglund.



**Janice Vaughn**

Janice Vaughn was the Mother of Kathy Vaughn, owner of The Hair Shops in Olathe.

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"Every year we honor our Mothers and Fathers. We decided this issue to remember those who are no longer with us. Grace Moody is the exception as she is 107 and lives in Olathe. Take a few minutes and remember, reminisce, and recall some of those great memories, those lessons learned, those Golden Moments, the happy times, even the sad times. Don't we all wish we could go back and thank Mom for all the thousands of things she did for us? We didn't appreciate all the work, aches and pains, extra efforts she did for us. If you believe the way we do, we will all get a chance



**Grace Armstrong Moody**

Grace Armstrong Moody, left us earlier this year, just a few days from her 108th Birthday. She was perfectly named by her parents as those who know her have said she was among the most gracious people they had ever known. Ann Johnson's Mother.



**Wilma Irene Norman Oberle**

Was the Mother of our columnist Beverly Wittenborn. Mrs Oberle in 1920 on her first birthday.



**Mildred Hayes**

Mildred Hayes was Deputy Sheriff Edward Hayes, our columnist's Mother



**Edna Whited**

Ethel Brewer's Mother, Edna Whited was Ethel Mae's subject in her column in this issue.



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