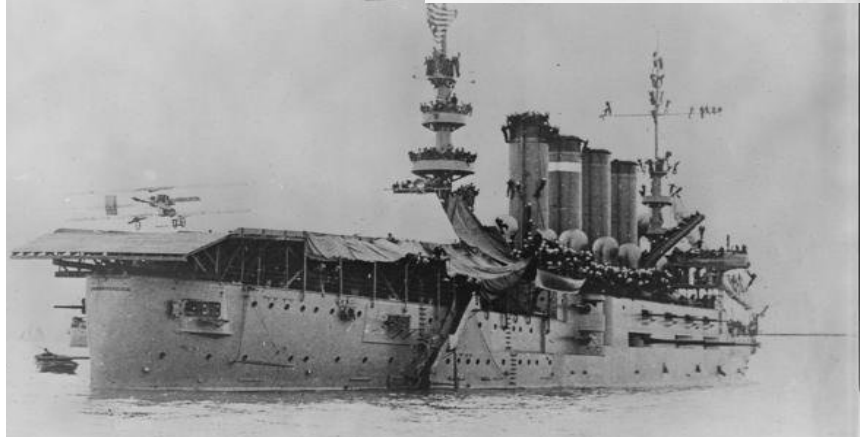
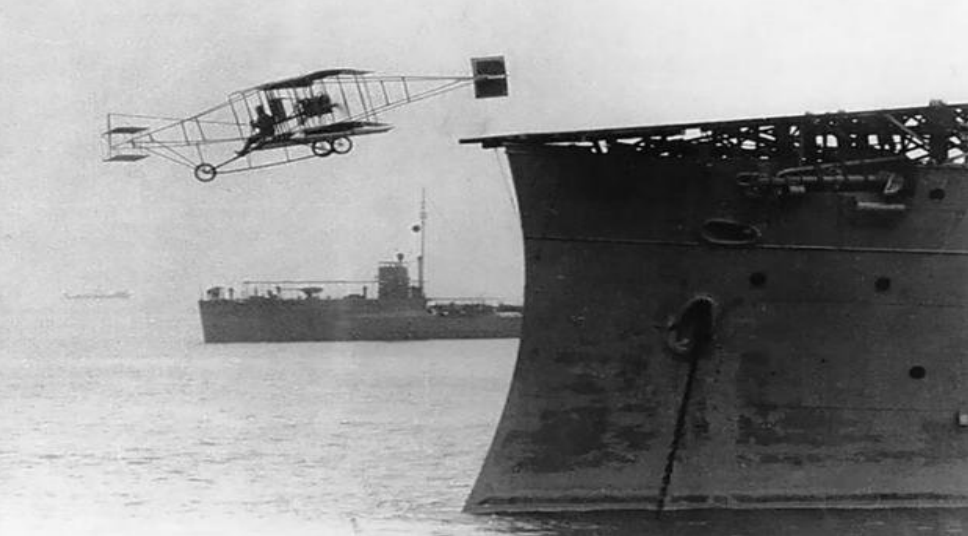


WHOEVER HEARD OF FLYING A PLANE OFF A BATTLESHIP ?

Eugene Ely did not become the godfather of naval aviation without having a high tolerance for fear. During a time in U.S. history when inherent risks were baked into various modes of transportation, Ely plowed ahead, becoming one of the first race-car drivers in America and teaching himself to fly only after first crashing a plane. Ely's daring and fortitude paid off, and he eventually ushered in the age of U.S. naval aviation by successfully taking off from a U.S. Navy war-

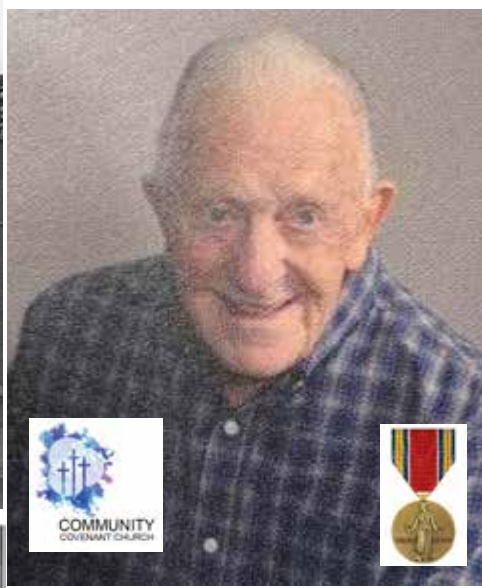


In old rare photo taken in 1910 a small plane can be seen trying to fly off a converted US Navy ship and land on a converted US Navy ship



Aviation Pioneer Eugene Ely was the first to take off from and land on a war vessel. Gallery of the USS Intrepid

Bob Watson Reaches His Centennial Year



Robert "Bob" Watson is a lay pastor at Community Covenant Church in Lenexa, a WW II Veteran & husband of lovely Carol Watson. Wish him a "Happy Hundred, Bob !!"

"One of the most sincerely spiritual men I have known in my 77 years, is an entirely kind and utterly selfless Robert "Bob" Watson who is turning 100, with an amazingly vigorous constitution and razor-sharpened mind at the age of what we call a Centennial."

God be with you, Bob!!!
We Love You !!

The 2023 Olathe West Girls Cross Country Team Became First 6A Squad To Win 4 Straight State Titles. Even The SM Northwest Boys Did Not Complete That Feat During Their Run Of 10 State Titles Between 1990 And 2005. Bree Newport And Kate Miller Were On All 4 State Teams.



Olathe West High School members of the Four Time Kansas State Champions in Cross Country. What they have accomplished is absolutely phenomenal in the records of the nation's high school cross country teams.. Kelsey Carbajo is the Head Girls Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Olathe West. (complete list of runners was not available at press time.)

Reading a big city newspaper is like eating at a fancy restaurant- you pick and choose from what's offered. But reading a HOMETOWN paper is like eating one of Mom's Great Home-Cooked Meals- a fellow doesn't want to miss a thing... and gets seconds' Jan Clark

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Celebrating Our Anniversary
By Ethel Mae Brewer

This month we are celebrating our 54th wedding anniversary. It is amazing all the changes we have made since that beautiful Fall day many years ago. Compared to our sizes now, back then we looked like Ken and Barbie dolls. We now can probably identify more with the size of Raggedy Ann and Andy.

We have had such wonderful role models in our lives. My parents were married over 60 years. Terry's parents were married over 50 years.

I was feeling pretty proud of the fact that we could celebrate so many years until we went to a show in Branson



Ethel Mae Brewer (Continued on Page 5)

Big Holiday Events Coming
Burlington, KS Craft Fair & Gift Annex

Come out to the Burlington Craft Fair and Gift Annex in Burlington, Kansas on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am to 5 pm for a day of shopping, food, and fun and find that perfect gift for your loved ones!

The Burlington Craft Fair and Gift Annex in Burlington, Kansas is a popular craft event that got its start in 1980 with only 40 booths. Back then, entertainment was provided all

Be sure to read about all that is happening in the nearby perfect small town, quaint and cool, just about and hour south of us on all four-lane US 69 ... Ft Scott, Kansas.



Gary Morsch, MD

From Dr Gary Morsch, Founder of Global Care Force

Friends, Like the rest of the world, I watched horrified as Hamas militants launched a surprise attack in Israel on October 7, killing and injuring thousands of Israelis and taking hundreds hostage. Israel's retaliation in Gaza has been staggering.

Over 6,500 dead, a million plus displaced, and much of the Gaza strip now decimated. Caught in the middle are civilians trying to escape.

Gaza is in crisis! The medical facilities still open are rationing care, conducting surgeries with-

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Kerri Short
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(Ann & I love Ft Scott... consider at trip there)

Easy Access (Continued on Page 5)

Olathe North Wins 3rd Straight State Gymnastics Title
by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor

Led by senior Lindsey Ray, the Olathe North gymnastics team brought back its third straight Kansas high school state title from Newton Oct. 12. Ray won the balance bar and floor exercise titles and also placed second all-around. Grace Moyer placed 3rd all-around and Hannah Jensen, 5th. North tallied 109 points in the one-day competition and Lawrence took second, SM Northwest, Olathe West followed. "Our team was led by Jensen, Moyer, Ray and freshman Olivia Noteboom," said North Coach Amanda Harrington. Everyone did their best and shined at state. They worked so hard and deserved this championship."

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Olathe North Girls Cross Country Is # 2 in State 6A Championships
Anjali Hocker-Singh Wins Fourth Straight 6A Champion X-C Runner

Virtually Every College In The Country Wants to Recruit Anjali for Her Brains and her Running Ability



Right to left: Makenzie Crum, Cora Katzenberger, Shea Johnson, Ava French, Niah Blachly, Montgomery Morgan, Anjali Hocker Singh.

THE HAYES REPORT
By Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Captain Ed Hayes, Retired

From "Officers Down Memorial Page," 100 Dead Police Officers so far this year! 5 K-9's
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Olathe North Girls Cross Country Team 2nd At 6A State Meet
Anjali Hocker-Singh Wins 4th Consecutive Individual State Title

by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor

Paced by senior Anjali Hocker-Singh, the Olathe North girls cross country team brought back a second place finish from the 6A state meet at Lawrence's Rim Rock course Oct. 28.

Perennial powerhouse Olathe West successfully defended their 6A title outdistancing North 45-68. SM East followed with 103, Washburn Rural,113 and Olathe South had 126.

"An awesome day," said North

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A Fool's Idea is Never Fool-Proof
A Fool's Idea Is Never Fool-Proof. by Chris Langseth Award Winning Gazette Senior Contributor

While painting my house one sun I had what I thought was a brilliant - practically foolproof. Our house has a small angled area along the roof at our front porch that needed attention. area had been neglected for years, dirt its very hard-to-reach location.

Nails were poking out, wood rot evident, paint was chipping; in shd could not be ignored any longer. I k getting up to it would be very diffi requiring many trips up and down a der. I dreaded it.

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Amazing Anjali Wins a Record Four Kansas State Cross Country Championships in a Row

Anjali Hocker-Singh Wins Four Straight



'A Very Real Risk' Paris Bed Bugs Will Spread Fast Across Kansas, Warns Pest Expert

Josh Kruis <info@whitehotpr.com> Uns from Zachary Smith

Creeping crisis: A growing bed bug crisis in Paris made international headlines recently, leading to worries about these pests infesting cities around the world.

And that concern is validated by licensed pest control professional (Continued on Page 6)

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Watch for Red Light Runners And Stop Sign Runners

TREES ARE AWESOME!
By Janine Clark-Barry, B.S. Forestry

The Fun Forester Outside-In

As the darkness of winter descends, we can bring the wonderful outdoors inside. Here are some tree ideas to consider:

When you do trim your holly or yew hedges, try making the cuttings into wreaths, garlands or bunches to make your inside or outside festive.

Collect pine cones and have a bird feeder-making party! Spread peanut butter on the outside and roll them in seeds, then hang them or set them out and watch the wildlife feast.

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Community Information by Keith E. Johnson

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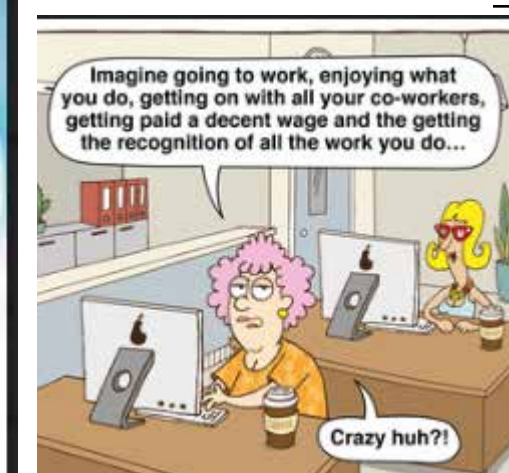
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A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Little Johnny jumped up and yelled, "Because people are sleeping!"



While delivering papers to HenHouse we luckily were greeted by a sweet, lovely lady, Cassandra aka Cass T who consented to allow us to snap a photo of her reading a paper she says she really loves to read. Thank you Cass T.



My daughter's 5th-grade class had been studying astronomy. One morning at breakfast she announced, "On Friday we're having a quiz on the moon." That's when her little brother piped up, saying, "Are you gonna let her go, Mom?"



Callon Morgan, 4th grader, as King Kong clutching his true love, he carries to the top of the Empire State Building

Hollywood Starlet Fay Wray played the terrified blonde in the movie, "King Kong" by RKO Pictures, in

Thought for today
Love is nothing without action.
Trust is nothing without proof.
And sorry is nothing without change.

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Things That Will Disappear in Our Lifetime

5. The Land Line Telephone
Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply, because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.

6. Music
This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. **Greed and corruption is the problem.** The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalog items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

Care Prayer Concern
Stephanie Kassen, Robert "Bob" Edwards skin cancer & Sandhy Edwards medical; Becky Morgan, Bill Cole, Chris Langseth, Lyn Ketterman, Jeannie Dennis Ficken, Alyssa Smith, Wanda Gourd, Nancy Carr, Anita Lofquest, Coach Dan Eakin, Peter Mitchell, Beverly Rainwater, Gary Osborn, 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, Ed Walter, 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, The Family of Hazel Hendricks, Mary Cochran, all bed-ridden Gazette readers

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A married man's honest confession:



"I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have..."

RIPLEY'S Believe It or Not!

IN 2023, ALESSANDRO BIANCARDI, AN ITALIAN FISHERMAN, REELED A CATFISH MEASURING 9 FEET, 4.2 INCHES FROM ITALY'S PO RIVER!

Saudi Arabia's proved oil reserves amount to some 102 billion barrels. That means that if Saudi Arabia stopped discovering new oil fields today and maintained its current production level of about 10.8 million barrels per day, it would have enough oil to last for about 26 years

Before Linda became engaged, she was quite the beauty, and didn't mind letting her boyfriend know it, too. "A lot of men are gonna be totally miserable when I marry," she told him.

"Really?" asked the boyfriend, "And just how many men are you intending to marry?"

Little Pete came home from the playground with a bloody nose, black eye, and torn clothing. It was obvious he'd been in a bad fight and lost. While his father was patching him up, he asked his son what happened.

"Well, Dad," said Pete, "I challenged Larry to a duel. And, you know, I gave him his choice of weapons."

"Uh-huh," said the father, "that seems fair."

"I know, but I never thought he'd choose his sister!"

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Great Minds - Great Thoughts (serialized Nov 3, 23) from Gary Bridgford
"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." T.S. Elliot

A telemarketer calls, "I would like to speak with Max, please."

The homeowner reluctantly replies, "I suppose that would be possible, but it seems rather strange."

The telemarketer responds, "Why would that be?"

The homeowner answers, "This is the first time we've ever had a call for the dog."

You're Going To Love These...
from Tom Marsh (serialized 8-18-23)

20. Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

21. I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas

22. I'm on two simultaneous diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

23. I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

24. My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

25. Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

26. There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest !!!!

It was the beginning of term at a primary school in Brooklyn. The teacher asked the children their names one at a time, and for each to spell their name out loud. When she came to a young boy and asked his name.....

"Ravashanka Vankatarataam Bannerjee," he replied. "How do you spell that?" asked the teacher.

"My mother helps me," said the little boy.

A local charity had never received a donation from the town's banker, so the director made a phone call. "Our records show you make \$500,000 a year, yet you haven't given a penny to charity," the director began.

"Wouldn't you like to help the community?"

The banker replied, "Did your research show that my mother is ill, with extremely expensive medical bills?"

"Um, no," mumbled the director. "Or that my brother is unemployed? Or that my sister's husband left, leaving her broke with four kids?"

"I... I... I had no idea."

"So," said the banker, "if I don't give them any money, why would I give any to you?"

The attractive wife told her husband she was going on vacation with a girlfriend, but she really went with her long time wealthy lover, who gave her a beautiful \$10,000 mink coat.

But she couldn't bring it home so she figured a way. She pawned the mink coat. She came home and told her husband she had found a pawn ticket to her mink coat; and she asked her husband to find out what had been pawned.

Her husband returned and told his wife it was a cheap watch. The next day his secretary was wearing a \$10,000 mink coat.

A guy goes to visit his grandmother and he brings his friends with him. While he's talking to his grandmother, his friend starts eating the peanuts on the coffee table, and finishes them off.

As they're leaving, his friend says to his grandmother, "Thanks for the peanuts."

She says, "No problem, since I lost my dentures I can only suck the chocolate off 'em."

Thought for today
Life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect.

It is about being real, being humble and being kind.

In my job with a delivery company, I was getting directions to a customer's home.

The woman very specifically said, "From the main road in the center of town go two lights. Look for the post office. Turn left onto the next street. Go 1.3 miles. Drive past a red hydrant and then take the next right. Go 50 yards. My driveway is the second on the right, and the number is on the mailbox."

As I entered the information into the computer, I asked, "What color is your house?"

The woman paused a second, then said, "Hold on. I'll go check."

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack. "Help me dear," she groans to her husband.

The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt. His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying over here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

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Charlotte O'Hara Gives Views on Matters in Johnson County



Johnson County District Three Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara

Porn and Human Trafficking
I'm so confused, why have many of our JoCo schools and our JoCo Public Library become purveyors of obscene and indecent materials?

Are they now groomers for the Porn industry, an industry which has revenue estimates of up to \$100 billion worldwide and \$13 billion in the U.S.? Irrefutably the Porn industry is a direct conduit into the dark world of human trafficking.

According to this 2019 study published in Journal of Counselor Practice: "Pornography is the driving force behind the international sex trafficking industry (MacKinnon, 2005). Women and children devise much of the pornography industry and are often "rented" in order to produce films that flood the market (MacKinnon, 2005). Higher demands for the production of pornography have fueled the need to find individuals that can be used in these films. Together, pornography and sex trafficking have become an epidemic in the violation of human rights."

So why are the following titles available in many of OUR schools and in ALL of OUR JoCo Libraries?

1. Court of Mist and Fury, Young Adult, By Sarah J. Maas, BookLooks.org, 4/5 Not For Minors: "This book contains sexual nudity, explicit graphic sexual activities, violence and profanity."
2. A Court of Silver Flames, Young Adult, By Sarah Maas, BookLooks.org 4/5 Not For Minors: "This book contains obscene sexual activities, explicit sexual nudity, excessive/frequent profanity and graphic violence."
3. All Boys Aren't Blue, Young

Adult, By George M. Johnson, BookLooks.org 4/5 Not For Minors: "This book contains sexual nudity, sexual activities including sexual assault, alternate gender ideologies, profanity and derogatory terms, alcohol and drug use and controversial racial commentary."

Available SMSD, BVSD, Olathe SD and JoCo Library (listed as Teen, all downloaded copies in use, 1 hold)
4. Fun Home, Adult Graphic Novel, By Alison Bechdel, BookLooks.org 4/5 Not For Minors "This book contains alternate sexualities, alternate gender ideologies, profanity, alcohol use; suicide commentary, controversial religious commentary, sexual activities; and sexual nudity."

In SMSD, BVSD, Olathe SD and JoCo Library (all copies in use, 1 hold)

5. Gender Queer, Adult Graphic Novel, By Maia Kobabe, BookLooks.org 4/5 Not For Minors "This book contains obscene sexual activities and sexual nudity, alternate gender ideologies and profanity."

SMSD, BVSD, Olathe and JoCo Library (all copies in use, 6 holds)
These titles are a few of those available to OUR children. Why are WE allowing these obscene and indecent books in OUR public schools and libraries purchased with OUR tax dollars? Material in these books would not be allowed on radio or broadcast TV between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. to protect OUR children. Why aren't the same standards in place to protect OUR children in OUR public schools and libraries?

At the Spring Hill School Board meeting, Monday, Oct. 23rd in the public comment time (5 minutes and broadcasted, unlike the BOCC 2 minutes, banned from broadcast) I voiced concerns about their freshman health textbook, An Invitation to Health. Subjects included: Sex on Campus, Hooking Up (students may engage in casual/commitment free sex), gender identity (Transgender agenda) and Rational Suicide.

There is more, far too graphic to include, which was ALL available to OUR 14-year-olds!!!! Thankfully a vigilant mom asked to review the textbook with the curriculum director. It had not been allowed outside of the classroom, a HUGE red flag.

After the review, the textbook was removed, the Spring Hill School District deemed it not age appropriate (when would this be age appropriate?). But not before OUR children were exposed to this "not age appropriate" material. How did this ever get into the classroom?

Quoting from the FCC website: In the Supreme Court's 1964 landmark case on obscenity and pornography, Justice Potter Stewart famously wrote: "I know it when I see it."

I have seen it, I know it and I ask: have OUR public schools and libraries become groomers and or purveyors for the porn trade, which irrefutably feeds into the dark world of human trafficking?

EDUCATION



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.

Social Media and Our Kids
By Dr. Earl A. Martin

Just this week, I received another one of these fearful notices: "Mr and Mrs... have just found that their 15-year-old son has died. Keep them in your prayers." My heart aches for these parents. I have personally known four teenagers who committed suicide, and the hole left in their parents' hearts is unfillable, their grief unrelenting.

There are 5,000 teen suicides per year = an average of more than one per day. A Gallup poll says that nearly half of teens know someone who has considered or attempted suicide. While there may not be a direct causal relationship between suicide and social media, there is at least a correlation. Research has indicated that teens who spend more than 3 hours a day on social media (which is the average of time spent on social media) are 50% more likely to experience mental health challenges.

Adolescence is, by nature, the most complex, challenging period of social development, no matter what. But when you add in the addictiveness of social media, the challenges of adolescence are compounded. While developing one's sense of self and body-image, moral and psychological equilibrium, and social standing, teens are exposed to an avalanche of phony standards of perfection, bullying, body-shaming, and pornography. It's a miracle that any teen comes out of adolescence with a healthy sense of self.

I recently watched a presentation called "Screen Sanity" that lays out the dangers of too much screen time for kids and what parents can do to plan for effective use of technology in the family. Here are some of the suggestions:

1. Decide in advance *what age to give your child a phone*, based on the child's maturity and need for a phone. The average age for a child's first phone is 12.6. The child's first phone should limit what features are available, with parent controls over social media.
2. Proactively co-create *with your child a vision for technology use* as you go along, in order to avoid punitive reactions to tech abuse.
3. **Develop consistent un-plugged routines**—such as no phones at bedtime, dinner times, or family social times. This can maybe reduce private trauma.
4. Parents should know **passwords and monitor phone use and sites visited**. This information should be a part of the original "contract" with the child/teen.
5. There should be **agreed-upon time limits** for how much time is available for screen time.
6. **On-going communication** is critical for healthy use of technology.
7. Parents should **monitor their own technology/social media use**.

Healthy modeling is worth more than a lot of words.



Johnson County District Six Commissioner Shirley Allenbrand

Top 5 News And Highlights From Johnson County Government - Oct. 2023

Interested in some of the ways Johnson County Government is benefiting your community? Here are the Top 5 Things to know from Oct. 2023! 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) We updated the community on the \$500,000 approved by the Board of County Commissioners for a Johnson County property tax relief pilot program for seniors and veterans with a disability. Eligible participants would qualify for a property tax relief payment of up to \$200 or the county portion of their property

- 2) We approved a combined allocation of more than \$40 million for the 2024 County Assistance Road System program (helps fund 11 projects in 13 cities) and the 2024 Stormwater Management Program (includes 19 projects in seven cities plus watershed improvements).
- 3) The Johnson County Park and Recreation District has been awarded Best Large Employer in Johnson County! This recognizes ALL who make up the organization's team and culture as well as the outstanding services JCRPD provides to the Johnson County community.
- 4) Johnson County's 2023 Veterans Day Observance, set for Friday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. will honor military veterans in our community. This year's event will take place at the Lenexa National Guard Armory, 18200 West 87th Street Pkwy., located just west of Renner Road.
- 5) Chad VonAhnen, the director of Johnson County Developmental Supports, received the 2023 InterHab Mark Elmore Award. Each year, InterHab awards its highest honor to a disability service professional who has exhibited a career of leadership in improving the lives of Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Angels Explained by Children

- 4) Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.
--Mitchell, age 7
- 5) My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.
--Henry, age 8
- 6) Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!
--Jack, age 6
- 7) Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead.
--Daniel, age 9
- 8) When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado.--Reagan, age 10

God extends mercy to all... Jesus took the damsel (little girl) by the hand and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, 'Damsel, I say unto thee, arise "God extend your mercy today. Amen".
Mark 5:41

WE DIDN'T HAVE AN X-BOX TO PLAY WITH WHEN I WAS A KID, WE JUST HAD A BOX.



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Coming Olathe Events

Stitch Social at the Downtown Library

Do you crochet, knit, cross stitch, or embroider? Bring your own needle arts project to this informal craft and chat on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Downtown Library. All skill levels welcome as you work on your latest project and visit with other crafters. Stay for the entire event or drop in for a little while. Visit OlatheLibrary.org for more information.

Mayor's Children's Fund Eggstravaganza

Tickets are on sale for the Olathe Mayor's Children's Fund's annual fundraiser Eggstravaganza. Join Mayor John Bacon and celebrity servers on Tuesday, Nov. 14, for a breakfast dinner at First Watch, plus an auction, raffle, and a visit with Santa. All proceeds go to the fund, which supports local charities working to meet the basic needs of children in Olathe. Visit OlatheCares.org to purchase tickets

Documentary and Discussion: They Survived Together

Visit the Indian Creek Library on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for a special screening and discussion of They Survived Together, the true story of the Neiger family's miraculous escape from certain death by the Nazis during World War II. Registration is preferred. Visit OlatheLibrary.org for more information.

Olathe Parks & Rec Foundation Higher Education Scholarship

The Olathe Parks & Rec Foundation is proud to promote the Olathe Parks & Rec Foundation Higher Education Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship opportunity is for current high school seniors pursuing an advanced education degree or career in a parks or recreation field. Two scholarships will be awarded in 2024. Visit OlatheKS.gov for eligibility criteria and to apply.

Live at the Library: Cowtown Country Club

Visit the Indian Creek Library for Live at the Library on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. Cowtown Country Club delights audiences with their twist on country and western executed with glittering guitars, 24-karat vocal harmonies, and eye-catching wester wear. At once familiar and excitingly fresh, Cowtown Country Club has a reputation for their interpretations of classic country and western swing, plus a signature brand of countrified covers - and reimagining of pop hits. Visit OlatheLibrary.org for more information.

City Closures for VETERANS DAY

City of Olathe offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Trash and recycling collection will remain on schedule.

Both locations of the Olathe Public Library will be closed Friday, Nov. 10. The Olathe Community Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and offers free admission to all active-duty military, veterans, and their families with valid ID. Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm will be closed Friday, Nov. 10.

FREE BREAKFASTS FOR US MILITARY VETERANS : Hy-Vee Stores

Participating area Hy-Vee Super Markets will offer a FREE breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10, for active duty and US military veterans. Call your local Hy-Vee for details. We called the 151st store and we were told it would be on the Friday before the actual Veteran's Day of Nov.11. If you are unsure, you should call yourself. The Hy-Vee stores have historically put on a marvelous breakfast for all active duty and US military veterans. It's a great time to swap stories, with members of the world's greatest fraternity/sorority.

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Whispers of Hope by RJ Thesman



It was suggested that I write about people successfully raised by single moms. We single moms should *not* believe some of the discouraging statistics, but just continue to raise our children with integrity and love.

As I completed an internet search, I was surprised at the numbers of successful people raised by single moms. So here is a list I hope encourages you today:

Celebrities: Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys, Adele, Jon Stewart, Leonardo DiCaprio.

Sports figures: Kevin Durant, Michael Phelps, Hope Solo, Jackie Robinson, LeBron James, Larry Bird.

Artists: Thomas Kinkade, Wes Moore, Maya Angelou.

Politicians and Presidents: Kamala Harris, Ronald Reagan, Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and our first president — George Washington.

And the famous scientist, Marie Curie.

Most of us single moms don't raise our children with the focus of becoming a celebrity. Success in life goes far beyond money and fame. The point is to not let anyone make you feel less than, just because you are a single mom. When you raise your children to love and accept others, to learn a trade and gain a marketable skill, to relate well and communicate well — you have raised a child who will be successful.

Hold your head high, single moms, and carry on.

RJ Thesman is the author of 24 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 blueberries. Follow her blog at: <http://RJThesman.net>

After directory assistance gave me my boyfriend's new telephone number, I dialed him, and got a woman.

"Is Mike there?" I asked.

"He's in the shower," she responded.

"Please tell him his girlfriend called," I said and hung up.

When he didn't return the call, I dialed again. This time a man answered. "This is Mike," he said.

"You're not my boyfriend!" I exclaimed.

"I know," he replied. "That's what I've been trying to tell my wife for the past half-hour."

Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them? Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.



NO ONE IS GOING TO STAND UP AT YOUR FUNERAL AND SAY 'she had a really expensive couch and great shoes'

DON'T MAKE LIFE ABOUT STUFF

When I retire, I will have little house on a lakeside..



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The push for bugs is all part of an agenda (Agenda 2030, that is). And it's being pushed by the same people wanting fewer farms and more synthetic meat in order to save the planet and end hunger.

Except now it's all about bugs for dinner.

Thought for today

Don't let anyone who hasn't been in your shoes tell you how to tie your laces.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

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When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush and said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

PART OF THE PROBLEM WITH THE WORLD TODAY IS NO ONE SNAPS GREEN BEANS WITH GRANDMA ANYMORE



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Golda says to her daughter, "Ever since I reached 65, I've been feeling that my body had gotten totally out of shape. So I made a big decision - I went to my doctor and got his OK to start doing some exercise. And yesterday I went to LA Fitness and booked into their aerobics class for seniors."

"That's great mom, so how did it go?" asks her daughter.

"Well, for thirty minutes I sweated by bending, twisting, pulling, pushing and hopping up and down. But then, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over."

National WWI Museum and Memorial Debuts New Main Gallery Upgrades

Nov. 7 and Honors Veterans Nov. 10-12

Phased updates to the Main Gallery will continue into 2025 and are the most expansive changes to the Main Gallery since the 2006 opening.

KANSAS CITY, MO. - Timed to coincide with Veterans Day, the National WWI Museum and Memorial announced four major upgrades to the Main Gallery that will open to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 7. "Prologue: Grand Illusions," "Interactive Touch Tables," "America Mobilizes" and "Move 'Em Out and Bon Voyage" will reopen to feature new technology and stories showcasing the enduring impact of WWI.

Visitors celebrating Veterans Day at the Museum and Memorial will be some of the first to view these new spaces. From Nov. 10-12, the Museum and Memorial will offer free General Admission for Veterans/Active-Duty Military and half-price general admission for the public.

Olathe Community Center Kids Club

The Olathe Community Center (OCC) Kids Club offers parents an opportunity to reach their fitness goals at the OCC without the worry of finding a babysitter or daycare. Open for kids 6 months to 10 years old, parents can drop their children off with the Kids Club during select hours while they work out at the OCC.

The Kids Club is available to both members and non-members, and can be an add-on to your monthly membership rate, purchased as a one-time drop-in, or you can purchase a 10-visit pass.

Visit OlatheKS.gov/OCCKidsClub for more information

Whoever Heard of Flying & Landing a Plane on a Ship?

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ship in Virginia on Nov. 14, 1910.

"Aerial navigation proved today that it is a factor which must be dealt with in the naval tactics of the world's future," an Indianapolis Star reporter wrote at the time.

While Ely was behind the controls, Capt. Washington I. Chambers was largely responsible for championing the historic flight. While the U.S. military had dabbled with launching hot air balloons from watercraft during the Civil War, Chambers felt strongly that the Navy needed its own robust aviation component when few others in the service saw the upside of such an investment.

Aviation pioneer Eugene Ely was the first pilot to take off from and land on a naval vessel. Aviation pioneer Eugene Ely was the first pilot to take off from and land on a naval vessel. (Library of Congress photo)

Believing a flight demonstration might sway top brass, Chambers started pitching the idea to various aviators. The Wright Brothers declined his offer to fly one of their planes off a battleship's deck, but Chambers found a potential taker when he met Ely and aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss at a flying meet in New York in October 1910.

Although their motivations for the endeavor differed, the pairing proved a perfect match. While Chambers saw the attempt as a way to show how airplanes could benefit naval operations, Curtiss' motivations were purely financial; an aircraft manufacturer, he viewed partnering with the Navy as free publicity for his business.

The three struck a deal, and construction began immediately on an 85-foot-long, 24-foot-wide flight deck that would be affixed to the bow of the naval cruiser USS Birmingham. Under the flight plans, Ely's Curtiss Model D pusher biplane was supposed to be launched while the Birmingham was underway in Chesapeake Bay. Once airborne, Ely was instructed to circle the harbor before returning to the Norfolk Navy Yard, a distance of about 50 miles.

It was foggy, rainy and windy that day, though, and the Birmingham was forced to drop anchor. After a three-hour delay, the weather cleared and, growing impatient, Ely decided to take off with the warship still not moving. That inertia deprived the plane of benefiting from any lift produced by wind passing over the deck, which was less than 40 feet above the bay.

The plane took off but hit the water, damaging its propeller. Increasing the degree of difficulty, Ely's vision also was obscured for a bit after saltwater sprayed across his goggles. Thankfully, the aircraft had been equipped with pontoon floats, so Ely was able to get the compromised plane in the air, if only for a short time. After proving a plane could take off from a ship, Ely searched for the nearest patch of dry land and touched down, ending the five-minute flight after less than three miles.

While the flight did not last as long as intended, the powers-that-be, including Navy Secretary George Meyer, were impressed, and Meyer called for more funding to study the potential of naval aviation.

On Jan. 18, 1911, pilot Eugene Ely landed on, then took off from the USS Pennsylvania, an armored cruiser, in San Francisco Bay.

On Jan. 18, 1911, pilot Eugene Ely landed on, then took off from the USS Pennsylvania, an armored cruiser, in San Francisco Bay. (Wikimedia Commons)

And Ely was not done making military aviation history, either.

He later became the first pilot to land and take off from a warship when he departed from Tanforan Race Track in California, flew 13 miles and came to rest aboard the cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Bay on Jan. 18, 1911. After lunch and some photo ops, Ely returned to the track. That flight also marked the first use of the tailhook system that has become commonplace in modern naval aviation.

Capt. C.F. Pond, the Pennsylvania's skipper, described the achievement as "the most important landing of a bird since the dove flew back to the ark," according to a 1981 story from the U.S. Naval Institute. Ely was suitably impressed as well, telling the San Francisco Examiner: "For the first time in my life, the feeling that I had actually done a great thing came over me."

While the Navy was not the first U.S. military branch to embrace fixed-wing aviation -- Lt. Benjamin Foulois piloted the Army's first aircraft over Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in Texas on March 2, 1910, roughly eight months before Ely's takeoff from the USS Birmingham -- 1911 was a transformative year for the service in the air. For the first time, the Navy trained officers to become pilots, bought airplanes and established naval aircraft operation sites in Maryland and California.

Ely tragically died two days before his 25th birthday that year after crashing his plane during an exhibition in Macon, Georgia. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross posthumously in 1933, and his exploits are commemorated in an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., which includes a certain damaged propeller.

Thought for today

Life is short, time is fast, no replay, no rewind.

So enjoy every moment as it comes.

Medicare Plan Comparison DIY Workshop

Overwhelmed by all the Medicare choices? At the Downtown Library on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., join an expert from the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension to walk through the differences in Medicare Part D Drugs and Part C Advantage Plans.

Participants will learn how to enter prescription medications and pharmacy preferences to complete their own plan comparison, how to interpret their choices and how to enroll.

Visit OlatheLibrary.org for more information.

Little Johnny's teacher was giving a lesson in developing logical thinking.

"This is the scene," said the teacher.

"A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help.

His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank? Little Johnny raised his hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings"

Thessalonians 4:13-14: Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him

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Celebrating Our Anniversary-
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and one couple there had been married 77 years and another 72 years. I guess we still have a way to go before winning any prizes.

When asked by young couples what our secret is to staying married this long, we have several tidbits to offer: (1) Put God first in your marriage. He will help you with all your decisions.

(2) Remember your vows you spoke on that day. (3) Ladies, let your husband win an argument once in a while to keep his mind active!

The vow we had in our marriage that I have practiced the most and been the most successful in accomplishing, was one I added to our vows; "Honey, you make it and I will spend it!" I have even offered to spend it ahead of time with the faith that he would make it.

Hopefully we can be a role model and we begin another year together.

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

These sentences actually appeared in a church bulletin or were announced in a church service:

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4 P.M. there will be an ice cream social. Will ladies giving milk, please come early.

Wednesday the Ladies Literary Society will meet. Mrs. Johns will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed," accompanied by the Pastor.

Thursday at 5 P.M. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers will please meet the Minister in his study. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Jackson to come forward and lay an

Some Perks of Being Over 60
(serialized 10/2/23)
Dale Applebaugh)

- ~ You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.
- ~ You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- ~ You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- ~ You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- ~ You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- ~ You sing along with elevator music.
- ~ Your eyes won't get much worse.
- ~ Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- ~ You can't remember who sent you this list.

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TILLAMOOK CHEESE FACTORY
We took a free Tour of the 30,000 square foot Visitor Center of the Tillamook Cheese Factory located in Tillamook Oregon: The factory greets nearly a million visitors each year and most of them check out the Ice Cream Center.

Taking a walking tour on the second floor gives you a Birds Eye view of how cheese is made. You look down through a big window and see how cheese is processed, inspected and packaged. After that you find yourself becoming hungry, and you can enjoy ice cream, and many cheese products.

They have a tasting window and shelves upon shelves of the many cheese products the Company produces. Their ice cream is limited to the Pacific Northwest, so that is why they feature their ice cream in their visitor center. The cows they have in the pastures at the factory have chips and they can tell how much milk each cow produces daily and the quality of the milk the cow produces.

Beloved Radio Host Opens Up About Alcohol Addiction

Scott Parks, the co-host of the "Dana & Parks" radio show on KMBZ, revealed Thursday why he had been absent from the radio program for a month.

Addicted to alcohol for much of his adult life, Parks told The Star's Eric Adler just before he returned to the air that a family trauma led him to break his sobriety. He was in rehab locally for 30 days.

"The gist of it, quite frankly," said Parks, 52, "I put something above my sobriety. When that happens, you're basically left with a couple of choices. One is either get better and go to a rehab facility — which I did. Or you can die. And I chose to go to a rehab facility for the last month."

Parks said he was in rehab from Sept. 25 to Oct. 25, and announced that news at the top of the yesterday's show, which he co-hosts with Dana Wright from 2 to 6 p.m. weekdays. "It is the elephant in the room," Parks told The Star.

He said he relapsed in late July, and his addiction to alcohol "crushed me, put me on the floor, put its foot on my neck and refused to let me get back up."

Parks told The Star that his recent stay in rehab was his first, having always returned to sobriety on his own. "Quite frankly, it's going to be my last," Parks said. "I don't plan to lose." source : *Kansas City Star*

The Fun Forester
(Continued from page 1)

Gather some of your beauty berries and make some jelly to adorn the yummy rolls and biscuits you'll serve when friends and family gather. Or, give them as gifts; not only are the filled jars delicious, they are also Beauty-full!

If you have a sassafras grove, dig in for some roots to make a delicious tea, or try your hand at root beer.

If you still find some green leaves, you can pick, dry and crush them to add as a thickening agent to soups and stews instead of using glutinous flour or corn starch. Decorate your closest pine or evergreen to enjoy from inside your warm home and spread joy to the passing motorists.

Find a local source for walnuts and add to holiday baked goods (hickory nuts are good too). If you have some walnut trees close by, collect them yourself, then use the juglones (the brown juice that stains fingers and shoes) to stain a woodworking gift, or dye some yarn before crocheting or knitting that gift scarf.

Fall is the BEST time for a fungus forest foray. You could find some great edibles like hen of the woods and oyster mushrooms, or you can enjoy the variations in growth and color of the many fruiting bodies that pop up. Just be sure to steer clear of eating those which you cannot identify: There are some pretty ones known as hurlers, as that is what you'll end up doing if you eat them. These include the jack-o-lanterns and green spore lepiotas (commonly found in fairy rings).

These are just a few ideas that can bring the beauty and utility of your outside world into your home. Admittedly, winter is my least favorite season, but I have come to enjoy the quiet that comes with a blanket of snow, and the giddiness involved in being stuck at home due to weather. A warm fire, soft couch, comfort food and some form of entertainment is a welcome change from the breakneck pace of life during the other three seasons.

Happy Preparations!
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Fort Scott Put Yourself There
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Friday 5-8 PM
Saturday 12-2pm and 5-8pm
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Friday and Saturday, 5:30-8:30 PM
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Friday, 6-10 PM and Saturday, 12 noon-10 PM
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"Welcome back, Scott! We really, really missed you," said Gazette publisher Keith Johnson.

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Visit OlatheCares.org to purchase tickets.

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The Scourge of Bed Bugs !!

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they don't transmit diseases, bed bugs can lead to itchy bites, disrupted sleep, and considerable discomfort.

Bed Bugs typically inhabit areas where people sleep, including apartments, hotels, shelters, and dormitories. They often conceal themselves in mattress seams, box springs, behind bed structures, and within furniture gaps.

However, bed bugs can be anywhere their host lives, including the cars and planes people travel in.

Smith emphasizes their remarkable resilience, noting that bed bugs can endure extended periods between feedings, ranging from several weeks to months.

Smith advises to check for bed bugs in the following areas:

- Mattresses:** Examine folds, seams, and buttons. Check between the mattress and box spring and where the headboard meets the bed frame. Look for tiny blood stains on linens.
- Box springs:** Inspect inside and around them, including the batting, slats, and frame.
- Headboards:** Check cracks, crevices, and attachment points to bed frames or walls.
- Nightstands and Electronics:** Review areas around and inside nightstands, including devices like clocks, phones, TVs, and computers.
- Textiles:** Inspect quilts, blankets, bedspreads, and pillows near the bed.
- Walls:** Examine areas near the bed, behind faceplates, wood paneling, trim,

and baseboards. Check between carpeting and baseboards and under carpet edges.

Furniture: Look in and around upholstered items, drapery, and joints of furniture like sofas and chairs.

Windows and Doors: Investigate gaps in molding, cracks in frames, and spaces beneath corner protectors.

Closets and Clutter: Examine clothing and cluttered areas such as piles of magazines, books, or papers.

To manage an active bed bug infestation and prevent its spread, he provides the following tips:

Mattress Encasements: Use them to trap bed bugs inside, starving them by cutting off their food source (you) and preventing their migration. These encasements also block new infestations.

Bed Bug Traps: Devices that capture and kill bed bugs. Some, like glue traps, use adhesive boards to ensnare them.

Vacuuming: Vacuum areas with signs of infestation, including mattresses, furniture, carpets, and linens. Afterward, empty the vacuum into hot, soapy water to eliminate the bugs.

Washing Bedding: After vacuuming, seal bedding in a plastic bag. Wash on the highest setting and dry on "high" for 30 minutes. If unwashable, just dry on "high".

And finally, to kill the bed bugs, below are some options according to The Pest Dude:

Non-Chemical Bed Bug Treatments:

Temperature: Use heat by washing affected items in hot water for 30 minutes and drying on high heat for another 30 minutes. Alternatively, freeze items for four days.

Steam: Use a steamer on bug-infested areas like mattresses and couches.

Desiccants: Substances like silica aerogel and diatomaceous earth destroy the bugs' protective coating, causing dehydration. They're effective with a high kill rate and resistance is unlikely.

Botanical Sprays: Natural sprays with ingredients like clove oil can effectively kill bed bugs.

Chemical Methods:

Insecticides: Pyrethrins and pyrethroids are common, with low toxicity to humans and pets. However, some bugs are resistant. Alternatives include pyrethroids and neonicotinoids.

Residual Treatments: These provide long-lasting protection, targeting both adult bugs and eggs post initial treatments.

"In this rapidly evolving situation, awareness and timely action are our best defenses," states Zachary Smith of The Pest Dude. "While bedbugs have always been a concern, their resilience and adaptability make it crucial for everyone to be informed and proactive."

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Spring Hill Boys Cross Country Team Win Third Straight Frontier League Title

by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor

For the third straight season the Frontier league cross country title belongs to the Spring Hill boys team.

Calen George led the way with a first place finish at Lexington Lake Park in Desoto Oct. 12. He crossed the finish line in 16 minutes, 30 seconds while Zachary Anderson placed fifth in 17:33. Jack Janovick was sixth in 17:42 and Dylan Estes was seventh in 17:45.

"We are very proud of the boys and the hard work put in the past 3 years," said Coach Brent Smith-eran. Winning the league title 3 straight seasons is extra special."

The girls finished third behind St. Thomas and Blue Valley Southwest. Competing at league were Marissa January, Sophie Rivers, Alexis Howard, Lily Bunker, Kylie Rogers, Emory Huntington and Adelyn O'Hanlon.

January placed fourth in 20:35 and Rivers was eighth in 21:27.

Olathe North Wins 3rd Straight State Gymnastics Title

by Dave Highfill, Gazette sports

Led by senior Lindsey Ray, the Olathe North gymnastics team brought back its third straight Kansas high school state title from Newton Oct. 12.

Ray won the balance bar and floor exercise titles and also placed second all-around. Grace Moyer placed 3rd all-around and Hannah Jensen, 5th.

North tallied 109 points in the one-day competition and Lawrence took second. SM Northwest, Olathe West followed.

"Our team was led by Jensen, Moyer, Ray and freshman Olivia Noteboom," said North Coach Amanda Harrington. Everyone did their best and shined at state. They worked so hard and deserved this championship."

Olathe Northwest junior Emmy Keller was the individual all-around winner. She also took first on the uneven bars.

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Olathe East 41
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Spring Hill 63
Leavenworth 14

Sm Northwest 17
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SM Northwest at Gardner Edgerton
Blue Valley West at Olathe North

Blue Valley at Olathe East

Olathe South at Blue Valley Northwest
Spring Hill at Mill Valley

Gardner Edgerton's Boys Cross Country Team Wins First-Ever Sunflower League Title

by Dave Highfill, Gazette sports

Placing five runners in the Top 30, the Gardner Edgerton boys cross country team brought back its first-ever Sunflower League title from Lawrence last weekend.

Competing on KU's Rimrock Farm course the Blazers narrowly edged Lawrence Free State for the title 87-89. Olathe East and SM North followed as all four teams finished 11 points of each other.

Parker Walion led the way with a seventh place time of 15:57.60. He missed several days of training during the week but rebounded with an excellent performance.

Nick Kilonzo took 13th and Cade Halton, 14th. Aidan Sherman and Robert Falkner placed 25th and 30th, respectively.

Walion, Kilonzo and Halton earned All-Sunflower League honors for their efforts.

The Lady Blazers used a 17th place finish from Bella Meili to bring back a sixth overall in the League standings.

Senior Joslyn Griffin completed the Top-5 Blazer finishers with a 44th place.

North Girls 2nd in State 6A

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Coach Levi Huseman.

I am extremely proud of the girls and our highest finish at state ever. Singh became a 4 time individual state winner."

Singh won her record 4th straight title in an impressive time of 17:30-fastest of any female in the state.

"Only six others boys-girls have won 4 state titles in a row in Kansas cross country history," said Huseman. And she is only one to do that in the 6A girls division."

Besides Singh, North got a 12th place from senior Shea Johnson (19:03), Makenzie Crum was 13th in 19:04, Niah Blachly (19:27) and sophomore Montgomery Morgan provided pivotal points with a 37th place time of 20:18.

Earning all-state honors were Singh, Crum, Blachly and Johnson.

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from Gardner-Edgerton
Coach Jesse Owens

"Our players did a great job this past Friday night. They were focused and played with great effort throughout the game. Our defense played great. They held BVN to -29 yards rushing. It was a great team defensive effort, resulting in seven (7) sacks & two (2) INT returns for touchdowns. Cameron and Eli Porter (twins) each had a pick six. Dylan Butash led our offense with 111 yards on the ground and two (2) touchdowns."

Olathe North, East Advance In 6A State Football

by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports

Olathe North and Olathe East kept their state football title hopes alive posting easy wins in first round 6A playoff action last week.

East improved to 7-2 on the season with a 41-6 win over Wyandotte. The Hawks went up 28-0 in the first quarter and never looked back en route to victory. East remains at home and will face a stern test from 5-4 Blue Valley.

The Tigers beat Olathe West 40-28 and have lost close battles this season with Miego (28-21) and St. Thomas Aquinas (10-7).

Meanwhile, North continued its season with a 56-10 drubbing of SM West. The Eagles got outstanding offensive performances from QB Jamo Sarver and running back TJ Porter and solid offensive line play.

"All week we talked about having to play hard and get better and the kids did that," said Coach Chris McCartney.

We got up on West early and our offensive line played well. Our defense created four turnovers."

McCartney said Blue Valley West record is deceiving having played some of the best teams in the city. The Eagles defense will need another big effort of containment.

Both games kick off at 7 p.m.

Sunflower League Standings As Of Nov 3

Gardner Edgerton 8-1
Olathe North 8-1
Olathe East 7-2
Lawrence 7-2
Lawrence Free State 7-2
Olathe South 6-3
SM Northwest 4-5
SM East 3-6
Olathe West 2-7
Olathe Northwest 2-7
SM North 2-7
SM South 1-8
SM West 0-9

KSHSAA 6A STATE FOOTBALL RANKINGS AS OF OCT 30

Gardner Edgerton 8-1
Washburn Rural of Topeka 8-1
Manhattan 8-1
Olathe North 8-1
Derby 8-1
Blue Valley Northwest 5-4
Olathe East is 11th at 7-2
Olathe South is 15th at 6-3



Pub Note: Our esteemed Sports Editor David Highfill endeavors to try to get all area schools to send us their sports news items. All are contacted, but few respond. If you're wondering why your school is not represented, it is most likely because the people in charge of sending out news items have not responded to our pleas.

The Gazette regrets that, as we have no favorites to run here. When people send us their news, we do everything we can to run it. KEJ

2023 SPRING HILL CROSS COUNTRY

We are very proud of our boys for the hard work they have put in each of the last three seasons. Winning the Frontier League Meet is an accomplishment to be proud of; to win it three straight seasons is extra special for us.

Our squad at league consisted of: Calen George, Zack Anderson, Jack Janovick, Dylan Estes, Skyler Smith-eran, Brody Kerr

That same group, with the addition of Logan Beckman, finished as Regional Runners-Up today, qualifying for the 5A state meet next weekend. George was the individual champion, running a time of 16:12. Also medaling were Beckman in 4th, and Janovick in 10th. We were bested by the defending state champions Blue Valley Southwest. St. Thomas Aquinas finished 3rd.



Paced by Caleb George, the Spring Hill boys cross country team won its third straight Frontier league title Oct. 12 in DeSoto.

The Spring Hill girls cross country team brought back a third place finish in the Frontier league meet. Marissa January placed fourth in the girls varsity race in a time of 20:35. Sophie Rivers was eighth in 21:27.



Our girls squad finished 3rd behind St. Thomas Aquinas and Blue Valley Southwest. This result also earned them a trip to Rim Rock. That squad consisted of: Marissa January, Sophie Rivers, Alexis Howard, Lily Bunker, Kylie Rogers, Emory Huntington, Adelyn O'Hanlon, January was our lone medalist in 8th

Gardner Edgerton Blazers Blank Bv North In First Round 6A State Playoffs

By Dave Highfill, Gazette sports

Using a stingy defense and a powerful rushing attack No. 1 6A ranked Gardner Edgerton Blazer football team shut out Blue Valley North 45-0 at home last Friday night.

The Blazer defense paved the way allowing -29 rushing yards. The Porter twins, Cameron and Eli, returned a pair of interceptions for touchdowns and the Blazers has seven sacks.

Dylan Butash led the offense with 111 rushing yards and wo touchdowns. "Our kids did a great job last Friday night playing with focus and effort," said Coach Jesse Owen. Our defense was outstanding as we had the two interceptions for TD's and 7 sacks."

Next test comes Friday night as the 4-5 SM Northwest Cougars come to town. Northwest advanced by virtue of a hard fought 17-14 win over rival SM East.

Football Humor These Are Classics!

from Gary Bridgford
Ohio State's Urban Meyer on one of his players:
"He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."
Why do Auburn fans wear orange?
So they can dress that way for the game on Saturday, go hunting on Sunday, and pick up trash on Monday.
What does the average Alabama player get on his SATs?
Drool.
How many Michigan State freshmen football players does it take to change a light bulb?
None. That's a sophomore course.
How did the Auburn football player die from drinking milk?
The cow fell on him.
Two Texas A&M football players were walking in the woods.
One of them said, "Look, a dead bird."
The other looked up in the sky and said, "Where?"
What do you say to a Florida State University football player dressed in a three-piece suit?
"Will the defendant please rise."

tucky cheerleaders in one room?
A full set of teeth.

University of Michigan Coach Jim Harbaugh is only going to dress half of his players for the game this week.
The other half will have to dress themselves.

How is the Kansas football team like an opossum?
They play dead at home and get killed on the road

How do you get a former University of Miami football player off your porch?
Pay him for the pizza

Below is a gathering of the Havencroft Elementary's four Sixth Grade Classes of 1987 36 years later, held recently. They all went on to graduate from Olathe South in 1993. We have listed names of those who attended as they were in 6th grade. Send us your similar photos. Present were: 1st row - Jenny Burch, Heather McCracken, Amanda Davis, Corrine Peterson, Chad Rogers, Lance Mowry, Rich Jones, Kris Gotsil, Karen Freeman, Jill Landes, Laura Parks, Danielle Stebins, Sarah Wolf, Jason Aller. Back Row- Eric Hazen, Derrick Whipkey, Mark Marriott, Zach Baze, Jeff Teel, Bobby Rutledge, Josh Baze, Roger Kinney, Scott Rice, Nancy Bracey, David Carter. Not Pictured- Chris White, Kelly Weltmer



Ann & I have lived at 1616 E. Sunvale Drive in Old Havencroft since 1991. We have touched up the paint here and there, but sadly, realistically, being self-employed, busy as a beaver has meant, I haven't had time for preventative maintenance. This is where third generation, long-time family friend Sean Trammell and his crews comes in. "Keith, it's been a long time since we painted your house, do ya want a bid?" "Yes, sure", I said. What happened next, after they arrived was the most conscientious, thorough-going transformation of our long neglected ranch to a brand-new looking house! First, they carefully removed everything that needed to be moved, plants, trellises, broken downspouts, damaged gutters, rotten fascia boards, et al. Then, they power-washed. That alone made me feel better about our home. It was amazing what dirt & fading had done over those many, many years. Then, when dry, the courteous, thoughtful crewmen started the over 300 hundred or more feet of caulking, patching, replacing hardware, and more. Then, they removed windows, masked everything off and began the brushing, the spraying and the trim paint. I told the crew members they were not painters, they were truly ARTISTS fully restoring a 1967 vintage house to its former elegance. I rest my case. If you're ready for the Best at a Reasonable Price, do yourself and your home a favor, call Sean today! Keith & Ann Johnson

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Principal Orin Swift also attended the reunion event, as did one of their 5th grade teachers, Mrs. Gilmore



Fool's Idea-Never Fool Proof

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Then, I was struck by what I thought was a brilliant idea: "What if I could carry all I needed to fix it with me and do it all in one trip up the ladder?" I thought, "Why not give it a try. I'll do all the repairs, scraping and painting in one trip, and be done with it."

The roof pitch, which I would be required to sit or stand on while working, was 45 degrees. I had heard that by placing a piece of foam rubber on the roof one could stand or sit on it and it would not slide away (carrying you with it). We had such a piece of foam stored in our basement. It was formerly the inside of a chair cushion.

I would now put it to a new use. I gathered up what I needed: hammer, scraper, wood filler, caulking gun, putty knife, bucket of paint primer, bucket of white paint, and bucket of green for the trim (all half-full with lids pried off for easy access) and three paint brushes. I stuffed items in my pockets best I could and slid the hammer and caulking gun under my belt. I planned to hold the paint buckets firmly by the handles and find a way to prop them up when I got settled.

All was foolproof I thought. Yet a small inner voice asked, "Are you sure you want to try this? Seems pretty risky!" I was "all in" with the idea by now and ignored the word of caution.

I placed a ladder on the concrete slab that was part of our front porch and then leaned it against the gutter nearest to my lofty destination. I grabbed the foam piece and carefully ascended. When reaching the point where I would leave the ladder and step out onto the roof I placed the foam where needed.

I carefully tested the "grip" of the foam by placing one foot on it and trying to make it slip, while I held on to the ladder in case it did. It seemed to be holding, but most of my weight was still on the ladder rung. I knew the moment of truth would be, when I transferred the entirety of my weight to the foam. It seemed secure.

So, with one foot on the foam I thought to myself; "that's one small step for man," and then lifting my other foot off the ladder, and placing all my weight on the foam, "that's one giant leap for...an idiot painter." Disaster struck!

The foam gave way and down I went; first falling onto the roof in front of me, then tumbling and sliding, mostly out of control, down the ladder and falling awkwardly onto the concrete slab below. Tools were flying in every direction. The buckets of paint came after me.

As they hit the ground near me, paint exploded into the air and splashed across my face and hair. My pants were coated and I could feel paint inside my shoes. As I slowly stirred, while lying in a paint puddle, I checked myself for injury.

Thankfully I was not injured, at least not physically. My pride was deeply bruised however. Finding no broken bones, I turned my attention to the nearby houses.

Had any of the neighbors witnessed this fiasco, this obvious act of stupidity? I was relieved to see no one watching. Calmly, I picked up my tools and empty buckets and limped to the backyard to

hose things down. I worked hurriedly to wash my tools and myself off.

I wanted to get back to the front to hose down the concrete porch slab before the paint dried, but I was too prideful and embarrassed to stand there with the hose before washing myself off.

Many folks my age have similar stories. Many not as lucky as I was; that were injured or killed, while using a ladder. So, I have three thoughts to pass along:

1. Listen to the wisdom of your inner voice.
2. Try NOTHING risky while working with a ladder.
3. Forget the foam!



Chris & Sue Langseth are retired high school art teachers, parents, & grandparents. Chris loves to write and Sue loves to do hand-work, including quilting and sewing.

Why Seniors Shouldn't Trick-or-Treat

You know you are too old to Trick or Treat when:

10. You keep knocking on your own front door.
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8. You ask for soft high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say: 'Great Boris Karloff Mask,' and you're not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you yell, 'Trick or...!' and you can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that doesn't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.
1. And the number one reason Seniors should not go Trick-or-Treating: 1. You keep having to go home to

She said she missed me..

Normally that would be good, but she was reloading.....

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Real Estate Tips

The Houglund Team



Steve Houglund Susan Lowe Allison Houglund

Last week the world just seemed to open up and the wonderful fall colors emerged in all of Mother Nature's best glory. The reds seemed more brilliant than usual this year and then we were graced with the rain that washed it all clean; making everything shine just a little brighter. Another reminder of how lucky we are to live in this area, where we get to enjoy all four seasons and the unique beauty of each.

Because of all the beautiful colors out my window I was drawn to an article about changing color trends in Real Estate and it was talking about how 2022 and early 2023 trends were already out the door. Of course, my brain thought, well it's a good thing I didn't waste my time on that! That is the way with so many trends. They have a big hype for a short run and then flop.

If you are considering selling your home and want to prep your home to show its best qualities, then you will want to consider using neutral colors with clean, classic designs, basics that never go out of style. Our goal is to promote the space in your home, not have the eye being distracted and drawn away by bright colors etc.

The Real Estate market is still moving, even with the higher interest rates. So, if you do need to make that move to either change locations or perhaps need more or maybe even less space; don't hesitate to call us. The Houglund Team would love to help guide you through the process. We are an experienced, successful team, licensed in Kansas and Missouri, and have lived our entire lives in the Johnson County area. In the meantime, get outside and enjoy this beautiful season, it is gone all too quickly!

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When a man says he'll do anything for a woman, he means fight bad guys and kill dragons, not vacuum or wash dishes

"How long have you been driving without a tail light?" asked the policeman after pulling over a motorist. The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car and gave a long, painful groan. He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit. "Come on, now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious." "It isn't?" cried the motorist. "Then you know what happened to my boat

This is Jonas Salk (1914 - 1995) who decided not to patent his 1955 Polio Vaccine so that it would be affordable for millions of people who couldn't afford it. As a result, he lost out on an estimated 7 billion dollars.



IT WAS A GOOD DAY IN CLASS WHEN THE TEACHER ROLLED OUT THIS BIG BOY



Callon Morgan (right) as King Kong with Tomahawk Elementary P.E. teacher Mr. Lawver.



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Bev Wittenborn
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"At Your Service Recipes"

"At Your Service" Cookbooks are available for purchase at Feeney's Hallmark, Mahaffie Heritage Center, Junque Drawer Boutique, & Rhoades Family Dentistry. Or contact me, Beverly Wittenborn, at 782-6442.

Hello November! Where did October go? Seems like only yesterday that we were saying **Good Bye September!** In our household we seem to know that time flies when you're havin' fun! Are we having fun? Did we have fun? This October we were both involved in several major fundraisers for the non-profit groups that we are involved with.

And then.....then we had windows replaced to finish up the month! Not Fun! What an adventure that was and continues to be as I try to wrap up this column for the Friday deadline. When you have to move everything around and stack it up, pile it up, and then need to find something, where is it?

Plus, I really need to get my plants moved inside before the first freeze of the season. The temperatures are falling, so it's time to think about making soup and comfort food! But first it's that big pumpkin that is sitting outside by my door that makes me think of all things pumpkin!

So, I researched several cookbooks to find ways to bring pumpkin into our culinary delights! Of course, I most likely won't use the fresh pumpkin that needs to be seeded and cleaned up! I'll just buy the canned pumpkin at the store and use that! Easy peasy! A few days ago while eating out because we couldn't enter the kitchen due to window work, I noticed an item for sale when we checked out.

How about **Pumpkin Pie Fudge**? Naturally I had to do a bit more exploring on that possibility and what ingredients are needed. There are a lot of different recipes out there, believe me! So, I decided to share one today which seems simpler to make with more common ingredients. I've not tried this so I have no idea how it might turn out!

Then I found **Pumpkin Pecan Pie**, and **Pumpkin Pie Cake**. What do you think? These sound okay? I have shared several pumpkin recipes already from "At Your Service" cookbook so won't bore you with that again. I will include a cake recipe that has to be good because it is from our **Gazette Family—Ann Moody Johnson!** Here is one more idea if you just happen to have any leftover candy from the Halloween trick or treaters—use those Snickers candy bars to make a salad. That recipe is actually from "At Your Service" cookbook! Back to my kitchen to see, if I can get it organized again. Until next time, **Enjoy November!**

Pumpkin Pie Fudge

- 4 c. white chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. canned pumpkin
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- Pinch salt
- 1 c. coarsely chopped pecans, optional

With apologies to Bev, we couldn't resist trying to find something close to her recipes in Google Images, sorry.



Prepare an 8-inch square baking pan by lining it with lightly greased parchment paper or non-stick foil. In a microwave-safe bowl, place the chocolate chips. Microwave for 90 seconds at 70 percent power and stir well, using residual heat to melt the chips. If needed, continue to microwave at 15 second intervals until you can stir the chips smooth. Add the pumpkin, spice, vanilla, and salt to the mixture. Stir very well until completely blended. Pour into the baking pan and spread evenly. Press pecans over top and press into fudge. Chill for 2 to 4 hours until fully set. Remove the fudge by lifting the paper or foil. Cut into squares.

Pumpkin Pecan Pie

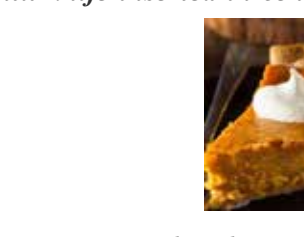
- 1, unbaked 9-inch deep-dish pie shell
- 1 c. pure pumpkin
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 3 large eggs, divided
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2/3 c. light corn syrup
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. pecan halves



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine pumpkin, sugar, 1 egg and pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl, stir well. Spread over bottom of pie shell. Combine corn syrup, sugar, remaining 2 eggs, butter and vanilla in same bowl, stir well; stir in pecans. Spoon over pumpkin layer. Bake for 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Pumpkin Pie Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 1 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- 2, 16 oz. cans, pumpkin
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2/3 c. evaporated milk
- 3 eggs



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Mix cake mix, egg, margarine, and pecans well with pastry blender. Reserve 1 cup for topping. Press into 9x13 inch pan. Mix pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon, evaporated milk, and eggs well and pour over first mixture. Use reserved 1 cup of topping mix and add 1/4 cup sugar and 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Mix with a fork and sprinkle over the pumpkin pie mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Serve with whipped cream or Cool Whip. Makes 15 servings.

Apple Farm Cake

- 1/4 c. shortening
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 4 c. chopped apples
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. cloves



Cream shortening and sugar. Mix in egg, apples, and rest of ingredients. Spread in a 9- inch square pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. While warm, cut in squares and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Ann (Moody) Johnson

Snickers Salad

- 1 pkg. fun-sized Snickers candy bars
- 1 carton Cool Whip
- 6 to 9 apples
- 1 large jar marshmallow crème



Cut up Snickers and apples into bit-size pieces. Mix Cool Whip and marshmallow crème. Add all ingredients and mix; serve chilled.

Ricki Jo Bjorgaard

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You know you're over 40 when you have "upstairs ibuprofen" and "downstairs ibuprofen".
Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness.
~ Mark Twain



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Sweet Tee's has been a locally woman owned business since 2015. The original owner Tee Walker had a vision of a place of community that welcomed all and served good coffee. Sweet Tee's now owned by Karen Morris (since 2021) continues to be a place for the community to gather. With café locations in both Olathe Libraries they have even more opportunity for the community to enjoy our drinks and sweet treats. At the main location we want you to feel like you are at your favorite grandma's house with mugs to choose from on the walls and comfy seating to gather with friends and lots of outlets for working remotely.

From Dr Gary Morsch- Global Care Force

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out anesthesia, and turning away patients with non-life threatening injuries. Doctors and nurses still in Gaza are working around the clock for days on end.

I ask myself, what can I do to help as this humanitarian crisis continues to grow? Global Care Force is working to get boots on the ground, connecting with partners in the Middle East to determine where and how Global Care Force volunteers can care for those in desperate need!

Folks, several years ago, I led a project to deliver truckloads of medicines and supplies to the Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. That hospital is now on the verge of collapse, overflowing with the living and the dead and facing darkness as fuel, water, and medicines run out.

Our help is needed in the Middle East. Are you ready to help **Global Care Force?**

With Gratitude,

Gary Morsch, MD, MPH
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Burlington, Ks Big Event

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The Burlington Craft Fair and Gift Annex in Burlington, Kansas is a popular craft event that got its start in 1980 with only 40 booths. Back then, entertainment was provided all day as well as door prizes to attract the public. It has evolved over the years into one of the premier craft festivals in the area, with over 200 booths spread throughout two buildings.

Shoppers travel far and near to this event and are amazed and delighted every year by

the variety and quality of the handmade crafts, baked goods, and wares of home-based businesses. It provides a boost to the community and a fabulous opportunity for vendors from all over the region to earn some money for the time that they put into their crafts. Come on out to the Burlington Craft Fair and Gift Annex in Burlington, Kansas on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am to 5 pm for a day of shopping, food, and fun and find that perfect gift for your loved ones!

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Deputy Sheriff Tucker Blakely, gunshot, while responding to a domestic violence

Toward Being a Deputy Sheriff

Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.)
Johnson County Sheriff's Dept.

Ed Hayes
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Heart attack at the location, barricaded subject shooting at neighbors, & officers.

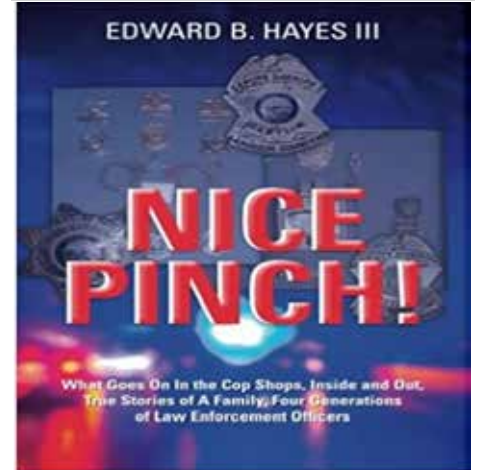


Deputy Sheriff Brett Harris died of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident



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Patrolman Jim Sides, gunshot wounds, as officers responded to a trespassing



Sergeant William Cherry was killed, vehicle crash, a car crossed centerline, head-on collision



Sergeant Josh Clouse was shot, killed by a subject in the execution of a search warrant.

From Officers Down Memorial page 100 + Officers Killed in the Line of Duty This Year.

The Mind of a Retired Cop, "When Cops Retire:"
When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.

These are the burdens of the 'job.' You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do, only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

And what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart, you never forget for one moment, that 'blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of GOD,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Police friends will forward this...there are those that think they understand, and then there are cops. Here's a local accidental politician who believes in "support your local police." Comments from American Action News: Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids of Kansas' 3rd Congressional District has received tens of thousands of dollars in donations from groups that seek to 'Defund the Police,' according to campaign finance data reviewed by The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Davids entered Congress in 2019 and is one of the few openly LGBTQ members of the chamber. In her most recent congressional campaign, Davids accepted \$52,532 from various left-wing groups that have supported the defunding of federal law enforcement agencies and police departments across the United States, according to a review of campaign finance data published by the Federal Election Commission.

The largest series of such donations Davids received was \$26,560 from the political action committee (PAC) Reproductive Freedom for All, formerly the National Association to Repeal Abortion Laws (NARAL). "It's past time to defund the police. After multiple failed attempts to change the culture of policing, it's clear that police have not succeeded in reckoning with the generations of systemic racism, oppression, and state violence it has engaged in. We must continue to do better," the group wrote on Twitter.

Davids' campaign also received \$20,972 from Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Inc., a left-wing 501(c)(4) organization that supports candidates primarily based on their commitment to abortion rights, in support of her 2022 re-election campaign. The fund, which is related to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., has called for the defunding of police.

The Jackson County prosecutor, Jean Peters Baker is in line to beat out Leona Helmsley, the wealthy heiress of New York hotel fame as most hated. Feeling the pressure, Baker has announced she will not seek re-election. Is that a result of this case OR others as well? You can bet Jackson County is happy about that.

Baker is an albatross around the neck of a fair justice system in Jackson County Missouri. Her childish anti cop, defund the police and prosecute cops attitude, is costing us all, especially law enforcement in the area. And Detective Eric Devalkanaere, who is imprisoned for doing his job. Baker didn't offer all evidence in this case to the grand jury, thus Devalkanaere was indicted by a grand jury. Missouri Governor, Mike Parson, has been receiving requests and demands to pardon Det. Devalkanaere. Parson, a former Missouri Sheriff should know the case is a fraud, and in my opinion he should pardon Devalkanaere, and remove Baker IF in this case that is possible. From Missouri law, Missouri's Governor could take control of local prosecutor offices in some cases.

Devalkanaere was involved with a car chase reaching over 100 miles an hour, a hot pursuit is what it was, that ended up in the defendants back yard. This crook pulled a firearm, aimed it at the officers and was shot, self-defense. Baker didn't see it that way and the Missouri Court of Appeals didn't overturn this miscarriage of justice, also ignorant of the laws or did they get all the evidence which has been held back?

Letter by Brad Lemon, President, KCFOP, Lodge 99. To the Citizens of Kansas City, MO: You want truth? You want facts that tell the truth? Read below. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion about the decision made involving the KCPD Detective, but the truth of the matter is CLEARLY evident. Don't be naive and believe what the media tells you or what you see on social media. Remain open minded and get the facts from a legitimate and credible source THEN make your own decision as to guilt or innocence.

Well, no surprise, another completely one-sided and utterly disingenuous article from the Kansas City Star. Clearly, if it doesn't fit their narrative, they just don't print it. Here are the real facts: From The Star: Cameron Lamb was in his own car. Reality: Cameron Lamb had beat his girlfriend, later got into another altercation with her, and chased her IN A STOLEN TRUCK through the streets of Kansas City while CARRYING A STOLEN GUN. The truck was stolen. Cameron Lamb knew it and HE tried to conceal the truck by immediately painting it. Cameron's girlfriend provided a statement that she knew Cameron Lamb stole the truck and where it had been stolen from. The Star: Cameron Lamb was in his own backyard. Reality: When officers arrived at the home where Lamb went immediately after chasing his girlfriend, they were told by a woman living there that she did not know Lamb or anyone who was in the backyard. Officers reasonably believed that Lamb was hiding from officers and engaged in criminal behavior. They also believed, based on the statements of the woman at the home, that he was trespassing and had no right to be in the backyard. They entered the backyard to detain a suspect that they reasonably believed was engaged in criminal activity. Lamb pointed the stolen gun at officers and Det. De-Valkenaere had to respond. The Star: Lamb could not use his left hand. Reality:

Numerous Facebook pictures show Lamb using his hand to grab car parts and hold a beer. The Star: The Department stymied the investigation by not providing a probable cause statement. Reality: The Prosecutor does not need a probable cause statement. Any Prosecutor suggesting otherwise is a LIAR. The Star: Det. Schwalm did not see a gun in Lamb's hand. Reality: Det. Schwalm could not see the gun from his position, but a gun was found underneath Lamb's left hand outside the rolled down truck window just as Det. DeValkenaere described.

The gun was reported stolen. Witnesses told police that Lamb liked to carry .45 caliber pistols, the gun found under Lamb's

left hand was a STOLEN .45 caliber handgun. All this evidence was known to the Prosecutors, and they still worked tirelessly to indict an innocent officer.

Here are other things you will never hear in the Star that Jean Peters Baker knew when she presented the case to the Grand Jury: Lamb's family member worked at the prosecutor's office. Nevertheless, the prosecutor still allowed him to be involved in the case.

There was an additional witness in the backyard who saw the incident. He gave a statement favorable to Det. DeValkenaere immediately following the shooting. Two days after the shooting, that same witness came back to the department and said that he was being pressured to change his story and lie about what happened. He gave numerous statements about the amount of pressure he received to change his story by Lamb's family and their civil attorney.

Det. Devalkenaere is innocent. his actions were completely justified and saved Det. Schwalm's life. He is a hero not a criminal. Ask yourself why is Jean Baker hiding these facts, because she doesn't care about justice. She is just another self-centered politician who is willing to put a decorated officer and his family through hell for her own political gain. don't be fooled. These are the facts, and they are undisputed. Please share this and help get the truth out.

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MidAmerica Nazarene University Awards City Manager Michael Wilkes with Michael E. Copeland Leadership Award

On Friday, October 20, MidAmerica Nazarene University awarded Olathe City Manager Michael Wilkes with the Michael E. Copeland Leadership Award at the MNU Homecoming Chapel at College Church of the Nazarene.

The Michael E. Copeland Leadership Award is named after late Olathe Mayor Michael E. Copeland and was established by the University after his passing to recognize individuals who continue to model the legacy of Mayor Copeland through their own public service and leadership in the Olathe Community. Copeland was a 1984 graduate of MNU, and because of his innate leadership gifts, he was elected to the Olathe City Council in 1993 and then as Mayor in 2001. At the time of his death in August 2020, Copeland had been the longest-serving mayor in city history. He was widely recognized for his service, exceptional leadership and passion to serve the community.

"Congratulations to our City Manager on this much-deserved recognition," said current Olathe Mayor John Bacon. "How fitting that this award be named after our friend and former mayor, for few carry a passion to serve as strong as Mike Copeland's—except for Michael Wilkes. It's been a privilege to work alongside such an outstanding servant leader for the past 24 years. We're grateful for his vision and leadership, which have transformed this city into the first-class community it is today, and have laid the foundation for an even brighter future."

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