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The funeral will be held Friday, December 15th 2023, 2:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, Kansas. 11485 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061 (913) 859-0111



"He was a blessing to Olathe. Such a dear, sweet man who loved everybody and did what he could to show them, too!!"



Mary Volle Daily said, "He has made a good impression on anyone who took the time to know about the core of education in Olathe! If you went to Olathe schools and didn't Ed Hayes Part II of II to p.4



Mr Dennis taught social studies, civics, psychology, current history, driver's ed., coached basketball, football and tennis, was athletic director, director of Olathe Recreation '56-'69, taught adult education classes, counselor for Boy Scouts. Captain Ed Hayes article on Mr Dennis continues on Page 4.

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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## Colors of Christmas

By Ethel Mae Brewer

As I prepared for Christmas, I still like to wrap gifts and make bows for each of them.

There is something about the colors of the paper, bows, and lights that bring the season alive for me.

The brightness of the white lights is for the star that led the shepherds and the wise men to Jesus on that first Christmas.

His brightness, through our lives, are still leading people to the Christ Child.

The red is for the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for our sins that we may have eternal life with Him.

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## GARDNER EDGERTON FOOTBALL WIN 6A KANSAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BEATING DERBY 22-19 IN SNOW



Gardner Edgerton Blazers celebrate the school's first state football championship on a snow covered Welch Stadium field in Emporia. The team defeated Derby 22-19 in the 6A class Nov. 25. submitted photo "Not many sports are as fun in the snow as is football" Read GEHS football coach Jesse Owen's report on page 7.

## Little Known Health Benefits of Coffee



By Joe Caffanova  
Gotta' have your java? Coffee is a staple for so many people. You'll see a coffee shop anywhere you go and a home without a coffee maker feels like an alien planet. Some of us might even call it our "life blood."

## Big Holiday Events Coming

Check All Local City Websites for Listings of Special Events

## You Are Priceless!

from Gail Sawyer

A well known speaker started we are dropped, crumpled, and off his seminar holding up a ground into the dirt by the \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, cisions we make and the cir- he asked, "Who would like this cumstances that come our way. \$20 bill?" Hands started going We may feel as though we are up. He said, "I am going to give worthless. But no matter what this \$20 to one of you but first, let has happened or what will happen do this."

He proceeded to crumple up the value."

\$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Dirty or clean, crumpled "Who still wants it...?" Still the or finely creased, you are still hands were up in the air. "Well," priceless to those who DO he replied, "What if I do this?" LOVE you. The worth of our And he dropped it on the ground lives comes not in what we do or and started to grind it into the who we know, but by WHO WE floor with his shoe. He picked ARE."

it up, now crumpled and dirty. "You are special, don't EVER "Now, who still wants it?" Still forget it."

the hands went into the air. If you do not pass this on, "My friends, we have all learned you may never know the lives a very valuable lesson. No matter it touches, the hurting hearts what I did to the money, you still it speaks to, or the hope that it wanted it because it did not de- may bring.

crease in value. It was still worth Count your blessings, not \$20. Many times in our lives, your problems.

## WREATHS across AMERICA

(K OF C) WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA NEEDS HELP FROM YOU!  
Dec. 16, 11 AM in Lenexa from George White & Joe Marvil  
Most of all of us want to honor our over forty-one million US Veterans who have since 1775 served in our five military branches.



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## OK fine, I'll go camping...



Two of our columnists, Gail & Fran Sawyer spent 21 years on the road in their RV. If they had had one like this? Glamping (glamorous camping) has to be a pipedream. Try driving this one under our Spruce Street underpass.

## 87 Tourists Die in Vegas MGM Grand Hotel Fire



## Don't Get Sick or Robbed on Vacation! Tips for a Better Hotel Stay

Hotels can feel like a great retreat, but traveling also leaves you more vulnerable than ever to getting sick or robbed. Find out how to make your temporary room a true home away from home.

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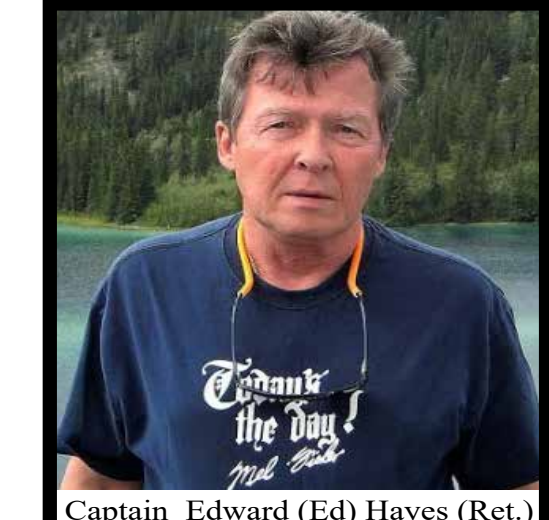
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## THE HAYES REPORT

By Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Captain Ed Hayes, Retired



From "Officers Down Memorial Page" 104 Dead Police Officers so far this year! 5 K-9's

Dear God, walk through my house, and take away all my worries and any illnesses, depression, sadness, and please watch over and heal my family and friend and those who reading this. Amen

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**Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our Country's Deceased Heroes.**  
On Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at 83rd & Quivira graves of Veterans will be given a wreath. Volunteers are desperately needed to assist us in placing the wreaths. Together we can ensure our Veterans legacy lives on in our hearts and minds. Join us in saying "thank you" For more information, please call George White at (586)-329-9757 or J.D Call Grand Knight at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (913)961-1450

**Most people are at the age where they are using their phones to document their good times in their lives. I'm at the age where I use my phone to take pictures of labels that I can't read and use my phone to enlarge the print so that I can read it.**

Best first day of school photo ever!



A man is observing two council employees at work in a local park

One worker digs a hole, moves a few meters, then digs another hole, and so on. Meanwhile, the second worker promptly fills in all the holes the first worker has just dug.

The man becomes livid and approaches them, and says, "I am going to write a complaint to the council about this absurdity - you're just digging holes and immediately filling them in! It's disgraceful!"

"Hold on," one of the workers responds, "It's not our fault that Charlie is sick today."

"Who's Charlie?" the man inquires. "He's the guy who plants the trees," comes the reply.



**Dogs have no idea how wonderful they are. They just wander around making the world a better place.**

When my son, Jared, began spending lots of time in the Internet chat rooms, I worried that his grades would suffer. I made him promise to do schoolwork until I returned home at 5 p.m.

One day at 4:30 I decided to check up on him.

Using my office computer, I went on-line and entered his favorite chat room. To my dismay I saw Jared's name among the list of current participants and immediately decided to teach him a lesson in front of his cyber friends. "Jared," I typed, "this is your mother, and you are grounded for two weeks!"

"Hi, Mrs. Beyeler," came a reply. "This is David. Jared's doing homework right now, and he said I could use his computer. But I'll be sure to let him know that he's been grounded."

**Jenny Chasteen Book**  
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conservatory program 21-year-old **Jenny Chasteen**, local homeschool graduate and senior student at **The Author Conservatory**.

Book launch party providing photo and video opportunity as Jenny signs books, answers questions, and mingles with the Kansas City community. Olathe Indian Creek Library, 16100 W. 135th St., Olathe, KS 66062 • 6:30-7:30 pm, Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

Discover the next generation of Olathe. Local girl is preparing to graduate from a three-year conservatory program for gifted writers and is releasing her first book, *Voices of the Future*, a showcase collection featuring nine rising young creatives.

For more information on Jenny's Book Launch Party or to attend the event, please contact Jenny Chasteen at [jenny.chasteen02@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.chasteen02@gmail.com)

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As we decorate with red, I am reminded of this priceless gift that Jesus gave us. Green has always been my favorite color. The evergreen trees we use for Christmas are always pointing upward towards the heavens. The evergreens that we see in our yards and along the road remind us of His loving presence year-round.

The gold always makes things look so elegant. It is a Christmas color that reminds us of the rich gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus.

When Stephanie was little, I asked her what she thought my favorite Christmas color was. Without hesitation she said, "Blue!" Naturally, I wondered why she would think that but her reasoning was simple: "When the Blue-Light comes on at K-Mart, it means we can buy more Christmas presents!"

Well there is no more K-Mart and the Blue-light specials but the traditional colors will hold on forever.

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**The Sawyers' Living on Wheels for 21 Years**



RV Gurus Gail & Fran Sawyer Tennessee Ernie & Tim Conway show.

Fran & I went to see some friends and her brother in California and decided to go to Hollywood and see the Tennessee Ernie Ford show. He had an excellent show and later in the show he had them bring a horse on to the stage and apparently the horse was a little nervous and the horse cut loose and peed all over the stage. Tennessee Ernie Ford stepped back and then said "Well everything is working". The stage attendants had to come out and mop the stage before the show continued.

Later we went to another show in Hollywood and saw the Tim Conway show. Tim Conway is the funniest entertainer we have ever seen. During this show he came out and appeared to be looking out the window of a large freezer, and his beard was frosty white from being in the freezer. After this show we went to see how they made movies where rocks were rolling down the hill in movies and how they made it rain during a movie.

For rocks rolling down the side of a mountain, they used big sponge balls rolling down the hill. They made it rain by having a overhead sprinkler system above where they were making the movie.

meant the delivery of cold, ready-to-cook turkey would have a very small carbon footprint.

Now, let me tell you how I deal with a whole turkey to cook. I gag! I have a very real and strong gag-reflex when the food I am preparing is easily identifiable as the animated animal it was. To stick my hand into the gutted carcass just about does me in. A decade or so ago my children witnessed and recorded my attempt at preparing a whole turkey for Thanksgiving. It is now family lore with visuals.

Always a big laugh. I even had my sister on the phone to help talk me through it (I think she is why there is a recording), though I remember a LOT of stifled laughter on her part.

So, for me to order a heritage turkey, which I witnessed via video posts live its best life before I cooked its carcass, was very out of character for me. As the date of pickup neared, my trepidation and anxiety increased.

What had I done to myself? I must have been crazy! The day before Thanksgiving I met the farmers with a smile plastered on my face a goodwill gift of red-bud jelly in hand, and turned over my debit card to pay the remaining debt.

The wife gave me a grateful hug and the husband handed me the cold, dead turkey to take home. I had sticker shock and took the bag to my car thinking, "I'd better get this one right!"

In the end, after much research on how to cook a heritage turkey (different from the usual), I braved the process alone. I used herbs from my garden to dress it, and had already made a lot of the side dishes, so was able to keep a keen eye on the high-temp cooking and basting.

Then, after it rested, I even carved it myself. Not once did I gag, not even while removing the rest of the meat from the carcass. It seemed so natural, and though I was confused, I was very pleased with myself. Even my husband said how very (positively) impressed he was.

Will I do this again? Perhaps with a turkey breast or the thighs.

*Happy gobbling!*

*Thought for today..... Happiness is not the absence of problems; it's the ability to deal with them.*



To cut back on traveling expenses, we're going to start sending you out as an e-mail attachment.



We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?" There was silence. Finally, one little boy answered gravely, "He's the one you can move diagonally."

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**Versatile Vinegar Verses**  
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Using vinegar is a great way to avoid the use of harmful chemicals, to be more friendly to the environment and is entirely more economical than store-bought cleaning products.

Here are some great tips on how to use vinegar around the house. Try out some of these solutions and vinegar will never just be a salad dressing again!

**For Appliances:**  
2. Remove soap scum and mold from the washing machine  
Once a month, add 1 cup white vinegar to the washing machine and run it on a hot cycle without any clothes.  
3. Clean rust from tools and bolts  
Soak the rusted tool in white vinegar overnight, and when you wake up in the

morning, the rust will have disappeared!  
4. Keep the garbage disposal smelling fresh and clean Mix one cup of vinegar with water and fill up an ice cube tray. Freeze the mixture overnight, then put the cubes in the garbage disposal and grind them up. Flush down the ground cubes with cold water to finish.

**In the Kitchen:**  
5. Remove stubborn stains from cups and pots Fill up the stained cups and pots with vinegar overnight, then rinse with hot soapy water in the morning.  
6. Prevent misty spots on glassware Place a cup of white vinegar in the bottom of the dishwasher and run it for 5 minutes, and then for a full cycle. You can add a cup of white vinegar through an entire cycle once a month to reduce soap scum.  
7. Eliminate odors in used jars Clean out the peanut butter or mayonnaise jars with white vinegar to remove any odor.  
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When I asked my boss for a salary rise because I was doing the work of three men. He said he couldn't increase my pay, but if I told him the names of the three men he'd fire them.

Thought for today ....  
When you start taking care of yourself you start feeling better, you start looking better and you start to attract better. It all starts with you.

The Power of Government  
Pythagorean theorem: 24 Words  
The Lord's Prayer: 66 Words  
Archimedes' Principle: 67 Words  
The 10 Commandments: 179 Words  
The Gettysburg Address: 286 Words  
The Declaration of Independence: 1,300 Words  
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# Gazette Sports

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**Gazette Sports Glances**  
by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor  
Congratulations to Gardner Edgerton, St. Thomas Aquinas and Mill Valley on capturing state football titles this past weekend!

For GEHS the win over perennial power Derby eased the heartbreak of last year's 21-20, 2 OT state title loss to Manhattan. The Blazers went beyond with hard work and commitment and gave the community and school its first state football championship. Congrats Coach Jesse Owen and staff.  
In 5A football Mill Valley continued its dynasty chalking up a 5th straight state title.  
The Jags rolled past Kapaun Mt. Carmel 62-37 to claim another title-all under Head Coach Joel Applebee.

A week ago Valley needed last second heroics to earn a thrilling 48-47 victory over Blue Valley Southwest.  
In 4A state football the Saints of St. Thomas Aquinas won their second state football title in school history with a convincing 35-7 win over Andover Central at Topeka's Hummer Sports Park. The Saints return to 5A football next season.  
Congrats to all 3 teams from the Joco Gazette!!

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

## 2023 Gardner Edgerton Wins School's First State Football Title 'Blazers Defeat Derby 22-19'

**'Blazers Defeat Derby 22-19'**  
by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor  
Overcoming snowy conditions and a two-touchdown deficit the Gardner Edgerton Blazers defeated Derby 22-19 and brought back the school's first state football title from Welch Stadium in Emporia Nov. 25.

The win erased some of the heartbreak of a last year's state matchup and made Gardner Edgerton a real force in 6A state football.

"Our players never wavered or lost confidence," said Coach Jesse Owen. They showed championship characteristics to come back from a 13-point deficit and finish the game the way they did. I am so proud for them and the community."

Owen added, "Our season started on this field a year ago as we watched Manhattan celebrate. We made a commitment to 'Go Beyond' and get back here."

From that point on Gardner Edgerton devoted countless hours of work to secure a return trip to state and flip the 2022 outcome.

GEHS accomplished that goal with the 22-19 win over Derby.

Junior quarterback Bravin Powell summed up the team's feelings about getting the job done at state.

"Unreal, the only way to describe it," said Powell. It feels great to do this as a team and for a community that cares so much."

Powell finished with 105 rushing yards and two touchdowns as well as 104 passing yards, and a score. He also had a two-point conversion.

Trailing 13-0 Powell brought the Blazers within 13-7 with a spinning 5-yard touchdown run 2 minutes and 52 seconds before halftime.

The Blazers went up 14-13 late in the third quarter when Powell found senior Colton Hawkinson on a nice 65-yard TD strike. That changed the momentum and the Blazer defense

dug in.  
Senior Mark Debiak blocked a punt and GEHS took possession again in Derby territory. Powell quickly found the end zone on a 27-yard keeper and converted the 2-pointer to give GEHS 22-13 lead.

Derby answered minutes later on Derek Hubbard TD run but the Blazer defense tightened and secured the victory.

"This one is for our seniors, said Powell. We came back and got job done."

Seniors finishing their high school careers with a State Title were Mark Debiak, Dylan Butash, Randy Singleton, Colton Hawkinson, Martin Eljah Porter, Cameron Porter, Mason Shoemaker, Daryus Williams, David Torres Rivera, Grant Ellis, Spencer Easley, Landon Dugan, Eithan Kodger, Dawson Kindler, Thomas Savasten, Jimmy Tellez-Munoz, Mathieu Reimer, Gabriel James, Kolton Coons, Serge Otiankouya, Ethan Whittley, Kristopher Markos, Blake Weese, Max Nichols and Edward Espinoza.

"Our players and coaches were terrific this season, said Owen. I am so proud and happy for the kids and this community.

Our community is so supportive and we are happy to bring home the title to them."

GEHS stats  
Rushing-Powell 10-105  
Butash 17-67  
Singleton 3-2  
Martleton 1 -2  
Passing  
Powell 4-7 104 yds  
Receiving  
Hawkinson 1-65-1TD  
Ellis 2 -33  
Butash 1-6

### Advisory, Folks!

We have been told by their victimized customers that there are some roofing, electrical, heating and cooling, and plumbing companies operating in the area that are ripping people off big time.

Make sure you get plenty of references on whom you use for these and other big jobs.  
Some trades teach their employees, to pad their invoices (bills) with all kinds of work and parts that were either unnecessary or outright lied about.

Several people who worked for these crooks said they only lasted a short time because they could not ethically scam people.  
I shudder when I drive by a house and see a truck belonging to some of the companies I have heard about. If you can find a local small-time operator who knows everybody and cannot afford to be dishonest, contact them. The longer you live in an area the more you learn who to call and who not to call.

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



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## season's greetings

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 came 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!  
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#	Name	Year	Ht	Wt	Pos	#	Name	Year	Ht	Wt	Pos
1	Randy Singleton	12	5'10	165	DB/WR	49	Jimmie Tellez-Munoz	12	5'10	200	DL
2	Cameron Porter	12	5'9	165	DB	50	Parker Olson	10	6'0	270	OL
2	Tyson Adran	11	6'0	185	QB	51	Noah Wilson	10	6'1	240	OL
3	Jake Linden	11	6'2	195	DB	52	Nathan Cruz	11	6'1	220	DL
4	Colton Hawkinson	12	6'4	200	WR	53	Jacob Parks	11	6'1	255	OL
5	Griffin Martin	12	6'2	185	RB	54	Charlie Drinkart	10	6'2	185	LB
6	Bravin Powell	11	6'4	195	QB	55	Kadyn Yelton	10	5'11	240	DL
7	Eli Porter	12	5'8	165	DB	56	Kaleb Moore	11	6'1	195	OL
8	Mason Shoemaker	12	5'10	165	WR	57	Zander Medina	10	5'9	225	DL
9	Nehemiah Gympo	10	5'7	160	RB	58	Mathieu Reimer	12	5'11	195	DB
10	Ryan Cole	11	5'9	180	DB	59	Connor Schultz	10	5'8	140	LB
11	Daryus Williams	12	5'10	160	DB	60	Anthony Lee	10	5'10	180	OL
12	Dylan Butash	12	6'0	190	RB	61	Gabriel Amundarain	10	6'0	240	OL
13	Mark Debiak	12	6'4	245	LB	61	Z. Yancey	10	5'11	215	OL
14	Noah Wilson	11	5'7	125	DB	62	Brennet Vann	10	6'1	205	OL
15	Richard Vanierberg	11	5'10	175	WR	63	Mason Matlock	12	5'11	230	OL
16	Shawn McCornell	10	6'1	160	QB	64	Kolton Coons	12	5'9	250	DL
15	Louie Alego	11	5'8	145	RE	65	Noah Mueller	11	5'6	205	DL
10	Zach Hillard	11	6'0	160	DB	66	Kapan Coach	11	6'2	260	DL
10	Daryus Williams	10	5'9	145	WR	66	Jaden Eagle	10	5'9	215	DL
20	Byne Padilla	10	6'2	190	RB	67	Payton Freeman	11	6'3	205	OL
21	Canaan Sloope	11	5'5	130	DB	68	Shayla Pink	10	5'10	215	DL
22	Chase Dojanski	11	5'10	165	DB	69	Rennington Carpenter	10	5'10	230	DL
22	Jordan Alba	10	5'6	130	WR	70	Carson Reynolds	10	6'3	255	OL
23	Kaleb Dewery	11	5'11	195	DB	71	Gabe James	12	6'2	260	OL
24	Ashton Adrian	12	5'10	155	K	72	Serge Otiankouya	12	6'1	325	OL
24	Aiden Olisham	10	5'9	130	DB	73	Rylan Phillips	11	6'3	210	DL
25	David Torres	12	5'9	165	DB	74	Ethan Whittley	12	6'2	280	OL
25	Jensen Honey	10	5'11	175	K	75	Caleb Hollins	11	5'11	220	DL
26	Grant Ellis	12	5'7	145	RE	76	Katie Mackay	10	5'9	160	DL
26	Kian Braceros	10	5'7	145	DB	76	Samuel Huff	10	5'6	190	DB
27	Spencer Easley	12	6'2	220	DL	77	Kris Markos	12	6'9	350	OL
28	Landon Dugan	12	6'2	185	LB	78	Blake Woese	12	6'0	200	OL
29	Jeremy Hendrickson	11	5'8	140	DB	79	Connor Dye	10	5'9	190	WR
30	Kayden Yang	11	5'6	140	DB	80	Armanuel Bekete	11	6'2	190	TE
31	Eduardo Gonzalez	11	5'8	185	RB	81	Max Nichols	12	6'5	225	DL
32	Elijah Hill	11	6'1	195	LB	82	Nathan Ogile	10	5'9	150	RB
32	Taylor Nichols	10	5'10	240	K	83	Briggs Cunningham	10	5'11	145	DB
33	Eithan Kodger	12	5'9	160	DB	84	Tyree Brooks	10	5'11	180	DB
34	Ethan Hamblson	10	5'9	160	RE	85	Ian Reimer	11	6'0	155	WR
35	Hayden Schulz	11	6'4	220	LB	86	Garet Ruffcorn	10	6'4	220	TE
36	Cruz Soudary	11	5'8	165	RB	87	Braden Platt	11	6'0	150	WR
37	Beet Casade	10	6'0	175	LB	88	Aden Hills	11	6'3	190	WR
38	Dawson Kindler	12	5'11	205	LB	89	Dylan Dowd	10	5'8	145	WR
39	Daylon Vesey	10	5'8	165	RB	90	Kaleb Nash	10	5'10	215	DL
40	Drew Watts	11	6'4	155	WR	91	Anthony Ross	11	5'10	200	DL
41	Porter Swaim	10	6'0	180	RB	92	Andre Bruce	10	5'5	125	WR
42	Kade Southerland	11	5'9	160	LB	93	Wyatt Wae	10	5'10	170	DL
43	Raman Clause	10	5'7	130	DB	94	Piercen Meyer	12	6'1	195	DL
44	Owen Johnson	10	5'9	145	LB	95	Marcus Meyer-Huffman	10	5'8	215	DL
45	Thomas Sevostian	12	5'11	220	LB	96	Isiah Williams	11	6'0	200	DL
46	Jaycee Cox	10	5'4	135	DB	97	Brook Morrison	10	6'0	180	DL
47	Timothy Roaden	10	5'10	150	DB	98	Edward Espinoza	12	6'3	285	DL
48	Owen Dye	11	6'0	165	K	99	Kameron McCarty	10	5'10	150	LS

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### Hotel Travel Safety Tips

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Luxury white bedroom in antique style with rich decor and bedside lamps. A Victorian B&B might be charming, personal, and romantic—but it also probably has allergens and dust hiding in the rooms and lounges. A clean, modern hotel is a better option if you're worried about getting sick. Find out 13 more ways your hotel room is making you sick.

#### Opt for hotels over motels

It's easier to steal from a room when thieves don't have to go through a lobby first. Plus, if your bedroom opens to the outside, you're literally opening your door to dirt and allergens. Check out the real differences between hotels and motels.

#### Book an allergy-free room

Sleeping woman cover face with blanket flat lay. Close-up of young women, sleeping under white blanket and covering half face.

Some hotels offer rooms designed to reduce the amount of allergens like dust mites. Even those without allergens could benefit if you tend to catch colds and flu easily. If your hotel doesn't offer a separate room, check if it stocks allergy packs with items like mattress covers, special pillows, and face masks.

#### Keep your room number secret

Avoid physical attacks by making sure the person at the front desk doesn't announce your room number out loud. Request that the employee write the number down instead. You should also test whether the hotel gives out room numbers. Use your cell phone to call the front desk, then pretend you're a friend asking what room number they gave you. If they give it out freely, that's a red flag.

These are secrets hotel receptionists won't tell you.

#### Check for bedbugs

Even the best hotels can end up with bedbugs, especially with growing pesticide resistance. Avoid those itchy bumps by examining for the bugs before you unpack. Quickly pull away the comforter, and watch for brown bugs that are about the size of an apple seed scampering away. Take a close look at the pillows, mattress liners, and mattress seams for bugs or bloodstains. If you see anything questionable, ask for another room, and do another search there.

**Stranger danger! When you hear a knock, look through the peephole or ask who's there before opening your door. If you didn't order room service or the drop-in seems like an odd time, double check that the hotel sent someone by calling the front desk**

#### Double check for bedbugs at home

Someone is packing clothes in baggage. It does help to reduce wrinkling. When you get back from your trip, head to the laundry room to check your luggage for signs of bedbugs. If you see any signs, toss the clothes straight into the wash, and follow up in the dryer on high heat for at least 15 minutes. Items

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that can't be washed can be put in the freezer for a couple of days. Those nasty bugs won't be able to survive the extreme temperatures.

#### Pack your own sheets

Hotel sheets could be crawling with dust mites, allergens, and germs. Throw your own sheet over the bedspread so you're not exposed to those irritants.

#### Wear long sleeves

Another easy way to avoid contact with the bedding is to pack pajamas with long sleeves and long pants. A pair of light socks will help even more.

#### Use your bed only to sleep

If you're watching TV or working on your laptop, shift over to the desk or chair in your hotel room. It's more hygienic, plus you'll probably have an easier time falling asleep once bedtime rolls around.

#### Put up the "do not disturb" sign

A sign with "please make up room" is basically an announcement to thieves that you're not there. Hang the "do not disturb" one instead to fake it that you're still around. Call housekeeping to let them know they should still make up your room while you're out.

#### Use the main entrance

Instead of using side doors when you return to your room at night, go through the main lobby. You might be farther from your room, but you'll have the extra security of employees' eyes on you and anyone who follows you in.

#### Don't forget the fitness facilities

If you're staying longer than a few days, make sure your lodging has a workout room or pool. Now promise yourself you'll take advantage so you can reduce the stiffness you get when traveling. Plus, you can indulge at the breakfast buffet or with wedding cake without stressing about added pounds.

#### Light a candle

A fragrant candle will smell much more pleasing than that stale hotel room scent, giving you some stress-busting aromatherapy. Just blow it out before you leave the room or fall asleep so you don't risk causing a fire.

#### Use a makeshift humidifier

The air in hotel rooms can be notoriously dry. If your room has a kitchen area, fill the teakettle with water and heat it on the stove. Let the steam escape into the room until the water has almost all evaporated. Read about more hacks to stay healthy in your hotel room.

#### Bring a pair of flip-flops

Wear rubber flip-flops in the bathroom and on the carpet in your sleeping area. They're especially important in the pool area, where you could end up with a nasty fungal infection.

#### Don't rely on the hotel alarm

Pack your own battery-powered alarm clock or use your phone to wake you up in the morning. You'll rest better if you don't have to worry about whether you set the hotel's clock right.

#### Avoid the hot tub

There's a chance that hot tub is a breeding ground for bacteria such as the one that causes folliculitis, an infection that creates itchy red bumps. Even the air can be disease-causing if bacteria in the water have contaminated it.



If you're on a business trip, you might end your days feeling tired or stressed, and a long vacation could get exhausting. Anchor yourself by looking at a photo to remind yourself of home. Read more to see you love great hotels — you can never have too many!



# The Hougland Team



Steve Hougland



Susan Lowe



Allison Hougland

If you have been reading this column for a while you know we are big on traditions! Thanksgiving is usually the full-on Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings. Sometimes we have friends over and sometimes we have extended family. The kids eat 2 or 3 of the items and fill up on rolls. They can't stand green bean casserole and don't understand why anyone would eat pie. All the work that goes into the Thanksgiving meal is not enjoyed. Not to mention all the clean up and leftovers.

We needed to shake things up. So...

My daughter and grandchildren met me in Destin, Florida for Thanksgiving. As Mom and Grandma kicked back watching the kids maneuver the waves and holler out to them to come back closer to shore, we realized just how relaxing and relatively stress free this time with family was. The boogie board was a hit — the sandcastle forms and shovel provided an amazing amount of fun. Each of them took a turn being buried in the sand. Once they had worn themselves out in the waves, we went back to the condo pool for more outdoor fun.

The weather was great Monday thru Wednesday. Thanksgiving was the perfect day to do "dry land" tourist things. We went to the boardwalk. Most of the shops were closed for the holiday. The most important part was the Dolphin Boat expeditions were open. I convinced everyone to bring a jacket or at least wear long sleeves, so we were more comfortable than not. It was chilly on the water. The dolphins did what dolphins do and entertained us either by leaping out of the water or just showing us enough of themselves to keep our eyes glued to the water for them. After the boat we were able to have dinner on the coast watching the water. We ordered from a menu and didn't have to clean up anything when it was over!

I don't know if Destin will become a tradition for our family Thanksgiving. Next time, I think we should upgrade to an all-inclusive resort, so we don't have ANY cooking or cleaning up!

For now — it's back to work! I have a condo going on the market this week in Prairie Village and a gorgeous home with a pool in Olathe next week. How can we help you with Real Estate this week? Give us a call! Allison Hougland wrote this item for us... great job, Allison!!

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## OLATHE AREA EXPERTS

Always Watch for Red Light and Stop Sign Runners and Terrible Drivers Who Don't Have a Clue



After 6 months at home with her husband, Gertrude decided to knit him a scarf.

An old, blind MARINE wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a shot of Jack Daniels. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, 'HEY, YOU WANNA HEAR A BLONDE JOKE?' The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke I think it is only fair, given that you are blind, that you should know five things:  
1. The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat.  
2. The bouncer is a blonde girl.  
3. I'm a 6-foot tall, 175-pound blonde woman with a black belt in karate.  
4. The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weight lifter.  
5. The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler.  
Now, think about it seriously, do you still wanna tell that blonde joke?" The blind MARINE thinks for a second, shakes his head and mutters, 'NO...NOT IF I'M GONNA HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT FIVE TIMES.'  
Humor sent in by Tom Marsh

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It's Thanksgiving Day as I write this to beat the deadline for the DECEMBER 1st issue! Where did November go? As I've said before, we have much to be Thankful for! It's too late for this reminder to do this task before Thanksgiving, but keep it in mind when planning for Christmas.

"Don't forget to turn your bathroom scales back 15 pounds Wednesday night at 1 AM for Thanksgiving (December 24th for Christmas)!" "Every time I try to eat healthy, along comes Thanksgiving, Christmas, Summer, Friday, or Wednesday and ruins it for me!"

It's December! Where has 2023 gone? Have your bought your 2024 calendars yet? I have a monthly planner type calendar—that way I can see each day and week on the page, and not have to look at it on my phone screen like so many do! I'm Old when it comes to calendars!

We just finished Giving Thanks for Thanksgiving 2023, and now it's time to plan for all of the December traditions that your family may have. There are other special days to remember in December besides December 25th. December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Also, Hannukah begins on December 8th and ends on December 15th. December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. December 21st is Winter Solstice---the days of the year with the fewest hours of daylight and the beginning of winter. BUT the daylight becomes longer and nights shorter to approach spring! Boxing Day is celebrated on different days in various countries starting on December 26th. December 26th is also when Kwanzaa begins. And we wrap up 2023 with New Years Eve! Think about Holiday gatherings with friends and family, Cookie Exchange.

Advent Calendars, Memories of holidays past, and Cook! Decorate! There is a lot to get done in the time between Thanksgiving and the end of 2023. Get out your cookbooks and notebooks and your calendar and make a list of those special foods that you perhaps only make once a year—in December! Let's charge on to December and those celebrations that you look forward to. Start planning and making a list, and yes, checking it twice! Remember the Advent calendar. This is simple, count down the days in December leading up to Christmas Eve. There are all types of advent calendars available, but I like the one with chocolate for the grandchildren to enjoy!

And yes, new in more recent years, the Elf on the Shelf! Go ahead and plan some of the traditional food and meals like you've always done in the past. What are some of your family recipes that say "tradition"? We have a lot in our German and Swiss family background. Anise cookies, Yes! English Toffee, Yes! Sticky Buns, Yes!

The recipes for this week have mostly to do with entertaining and snacking, whether it be with family, friends, or just yourself. (Remember we're going to set our scales back 15 pounds before Christmas!) Crackers and cheese, snack mix, and spiced tea. Some of these winter traditions have been around for a long time. Start your holiday planning now! Before we know it, we'll be celebrating New Year's Eve and 2024!

#### Cranberry Jalapeno Cheese Spread

- 1 c. dried cranberries
- 1/2 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. orange juice
- 4 tsp. chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1/4 tsp. Chinese five-spice powder
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- Assorted crackers

In a small saucepan, combine the first 7 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; cool completely. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in cranberry mixture until blended. Serve with crackers.

Carol Abell

#### Holiday Snack Mix

- 3 c. Corn Chex
- 3 c. Rice Chex
- 3 c. Cheerios
- 2 c. small pretzels
- 2 c. dry roasted peanuts
- 1 (12 to 14 oz.) bag holiday M&M's, plain
- 1 to 1 1/2 lb. (1 block) white almond bark.

Mix cereal, pretzels, nuts, and candy together. Melt almond bark and pour over cereal mixture. Stir to coat and spread out on waxed paper. When cool, break up into small pieces. This burns quickly. It can be made in the microwave, but stir every 15 seconds.

Judy Bradford

#### Cranberry Christmas Drink

- 1 (2 qt.) bottle cranberry juice
- 2 c. orange juice
- 2 c. sugar
- 6 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 8 c. water

Combine all ingredients in a large crockpot. Heat and serve.

Andrea Cronin

#### Hot Cranberry Tea

- 4 c. water
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 3/4 c. red hots
- 15 cloves (in a tea ball)
- 1 qt. cranberry juice
- 1 small can orange juice
- 2/3 c. real lemon juice
- 4 c. fresh brewed tea

Heat first 4 ingredients, until dissolved. Add remainder of ingredients. Serve hot.

Beverly Wittenborn

The following recipe is one I got from my mother-in-law and her church cookbook, one of my favorites!

#### Snax Mix

- 1 box Wheat Thins
- 1 box Cheese Nips
- 3 handfuls Bran Chex or Crispix
- 3 handfuls pretzels
- 1 pkg. Ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- 1/2 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1/2 lb. pecan halves
- 1 c. oil

Open a paper bag; place another one inside. Put all dry ingredients inside; shake around. Then put in the cup of oil and immediately begin shaking it back and forth, up and down, for 7 to 10 minutes. Bags will be oily after a while, but it will be okay. Pour out the mixture. Let dry a bit. Can put in plastic zip bags and freeze for use when needed.

"At Your Service" cookbooks are available for purchase at Feeney's Hallmark, Mahaffie Heritage Center, Junque Drawer Boutique, and Rhoades Family Dentistry. Or contact me, Beverly Wittenborn, 913-269-6302 or 782-6442.



### The Gazette Women's Page

women in business - health & fitness - motherhood  
kids - recipes - events - news - home life

**Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.**

There was a group of elderly women gathered at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with your husband. The old women were asked, "How many of you love your husbands?" All the old women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, some yesterday, some didn't remember.

The women were then told to take their cell phones and send the following text to their respective husband: I love you, sweetheart. Then the women were told to exchange phones and read the responding text messages. Here are some of the replies:

1. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick?
2. What now? Did you crash the car again?
3. I don't understand what you mean?
4. What did you do now? I won't forgive you this time!!
5. ????
6. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?
7. Am I dreaming? ???????
8. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, you will die today. ....!!!
9. I asked you not to drink anymore!
10. Last one is ultimate
10. Who is this?

Branch manager and assistant branch manager



When I was a little boy, I used to be afraid of the dark... Now as an adult, I see the electric bill and I'm afraid of the light!



This poor guy was driving around with this unsolved problem on his truck, had to fix it for him...

A little boy was teaching a little girl arithmetic, he said it was his mission. He kissed her once; he kissed her twice and said, "Now that's addition." In silent satisfaction, she sweetly gave the kisses back and said, "Now that's subtraction." Then he kissed her, she kissed him, without an explanation. And both together smiled and said, "That's multiplication." Then her Dad appeared upon the scene and made a quick decision. He kicked that boy three blocks away and said, "That's long division!"

Thought for today .... As long as you know your heart and intentions are pure, don't explain yourself to anyone.



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Jo Co Sergeant Willard Carver, shot, killed when he and another officer attempted to arrest men for auto theft

Toward Being a Deputy Sheriff

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

Ed Hayes (Continued from Page 1)

From Officers Down Memorial page 104 Officers Killed in the Line of Duty This Year.

A reminder honoring of all veterans including our locals. The Great War, on the 82nd anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor...

The pilot who sees fellow pilots falling from a burning airplane, shot out of the sky and knowing every time he goes up he could be next...

A policeman, hands burned getting an injured person out of a car about to explode, a fireman pulling people out of a burning building...

According to the definition there are lesser actions performed by individuals but the aforementioned are truly the heroes?

An article by Ben Stein about honesty and greatness hit the nail on the head talking about others, not himself. Ben puts himself down putting greatness where it belongs.

In a big way he chastises Hollywood because of their elevated lavish status by themselves and others. Ben says he's realized that a life lived to help others is the one that really matters.

He says the real heroes in life are the men and women in our military, our policemen, firefighters, all first responders and nurses who pick up the pieces.

A friend and Olathe High School classmate has personal memories due to family ties to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941, 82 years ago.

So, it was 82 years ago that Bucks father, then Ensign William P. "Buck" Tanner, Jr. was there, at Pearl Harbor, flying a PBV reconnaissance mission on the morning of December 7, 1941.

He radioed headquarters to report the sighting, was told to sink the submarine with depth charges because there were no US submarines in the area.

For some reason, the report of that event was ignored and never made its way high enough in the chain of command to put the armed forces on the island of Oahu on alert.

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Thought For The Day - Not everyone is meant to stay in your life forever. Sometimes they are only there long enough to teach you the lesson that you needed to learn

St. Peter's Book A man arrives at the pearly gates, waiting to be admitted. St. Peter is reading through the Big Book to see if the guy's name is written in it.

"I get a download every ten minutes," St. Peter replies, "Why do you ask?" "I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was always the stubborn type. It was not until my death was imminent that I cried out to God, so my name probably hasn't arrived to your copy yet."

"Then I turned around and yelled to the rest of them, 'Leave this poor innocent girl alone! You're all a bunch of SICK, deranged animals! Go home before I really teach you a lesson in PAIN!'"

"Wow! When did this happen?" "About three minutes ago."

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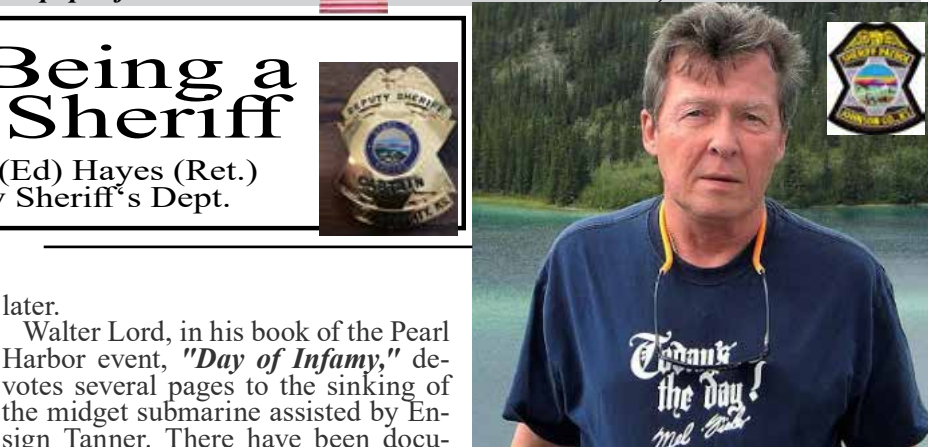
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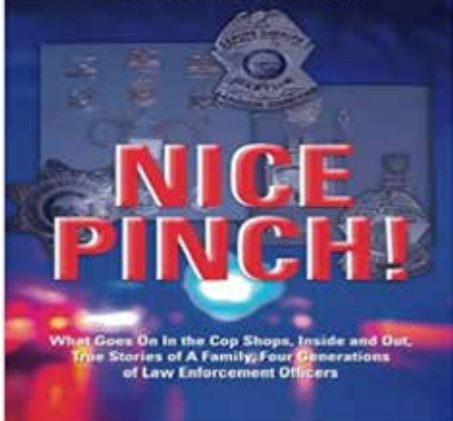


Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.)

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Army, as I recall in France. He was special operations.

Glenn Weaver joined the Marines in 1943, Purple Heart recipient, along with his WWII combat participation and unit citation medals.

He became Chief Electronics Officer at the Naval Air Station in Seattle, Washington due to his experience with electronics, short wave radios operation before the war.

The Rose Brothers all, Ned (silver star) was in the Battle of the bulge, Ted (bronze star) stormed the Normandy beaches and older brother HW, an artilleryman, all recipients of the purple heart.

David House, 24th Division, 21st Infantry was a demolitions expert. Dave received the Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation medal, the Asiatic Pacific medal, the Good Conduct medal, the Victory medal, and the Army Occupational medal.

Edward "Ed" Redinger was in the later. Walter Lord, in his book of the Pearl Harbor event, "Day of Infamy," devotes several pages to the sinking of the midget submarine assisted by Ensign Tanner.

Following the Pearl Harbor incident and attack Ensign Tanner was transferred to the European Theater of operations. Flying his PBV on Recon Missions from England over the English Channel and Bay of Biscay, off France.

Shot down by several German fighters during one of these patrols; he was wounded by a machine gun bullet through his side.

They kept their damaged raft floating by blowing air through leaking bullet holes repeatedly for three days even though they were all wounded.

It was all a miracle, when they were spotted and rescued by a British destroyer. Why a miracle? Because they had no radio equipment, and no one knew where they were.

Ensign Tanner received the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroics.

Ensign Tanner was promoted to Captain, continued his career in the Navy and was later commanding Officer at the Olathe Naval Air Station.

Following that, he was Commanding Officer at NAS Los Alamitos, California before he retired.

James B. Loftus, I don't remember exactly but Jim flew around 30 missions over the enemy.

William "Bill" Allen, a Johnson County Judge and friend, Bill was a survivor of the Bataan Death March, a purple heart recipient was near death as were most survivors at the time of their rescue.

Harold "Tuffy" Walters, a P 51 pilot, it seems like Walters was an ace but I'm not sure about that.

Harley Haskin was a company intelligence officer who served in Europe during World War II with the 94th Infantry Division where he served 14 months in the G-2 section.

William "Bill" Mace, US Navy, spent 2 years aboard ship, came home, married his sweetheart and after graduating from KU taught and coached football and basketball at Olathe North High School.

Carold Bland, WWII, from 1939-1945, Carol was in the 12th Armored "Hell Cat" Division. That's "Old Blood and Guts," General Patton's Army.

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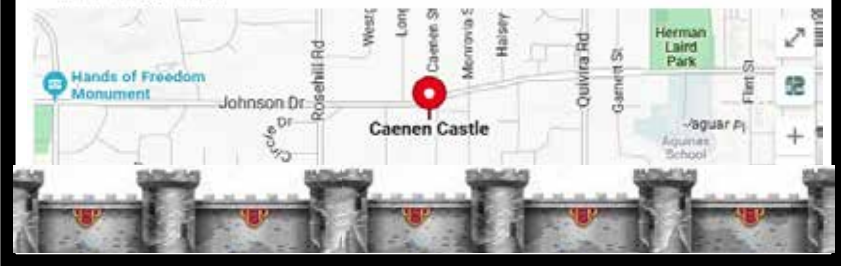








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