

Disney Employee 'Tell All'



Former Disney Employees Spill The Beans and There's More To It Than We'd Think

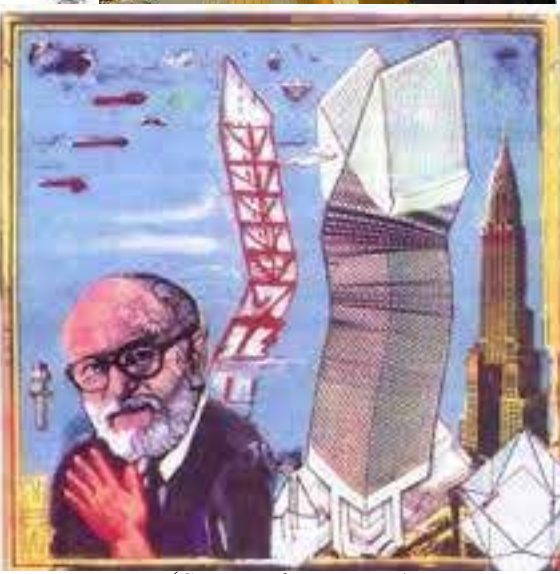
Sarah Schuman
This article was originally published on Kueez. Depending on your location, you probably dreamed of a trip to Disney World growing up. The luckiest kiddos got to visit all the Disney parks, and they enjoyed the fun and fantasy. But what was it like for the workers who made the magic real? Now that we are all grown up in age — though not at heart — we can consider the other aspects of the happiest place on earth. But what is the real deal for the thousands employed there? We assure you, it's not what you would think!
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What Is Biggest Design Flaw Ever Found In Existing Building 59 Story Citicorp Building in New York, Woman's Thesis Shows Blunder

In June of 1978, a year after the Citicorp Center debuted, an undergraduate student at Princeton University named *Diane Hartley* was writing her thesis on the Citicorp building. A huge loss of life was prevented. Read on. Below



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The Bunny

By Ethel Mae Brewer

The Easter Season was always a time of celebration. We had traditions that mostly will be remembered by people my age or older.

On Thursday, we would get to boil the eggs that would be used in the Easter egg hunt at church. After the community *Good Friday Service*, we would get to spend hours coloring and decorating the eggs.

Saturday, all the kids would come in for the *Easter Egg Hunt*. It was such a fun time. We didn't



You are not too dirty for God to cleanse.
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And you are not too worthless for God to love.

The 8 Stupidest Things Americans Overspend On (Hint: Coffee Isn't One of Them)

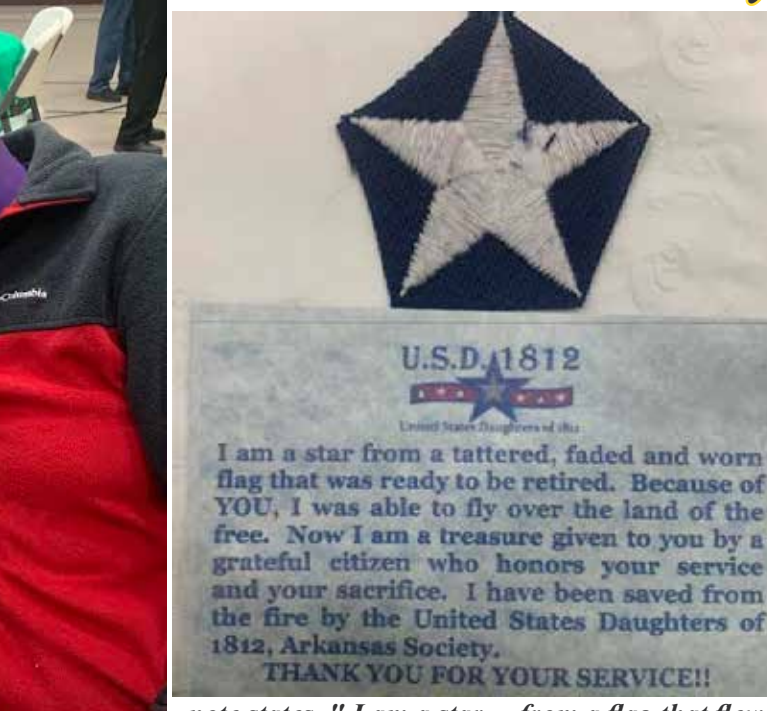
I'm a massive coupon/savings nerd, and an embarrassing amount of my time is spent talking to people to find out how much they're spending. In my experience, the average American is overspending for things on an almost daily basis.

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Gazette publisher honored with A Special Star from Debbie Miller at church dinner recently. "I feel greatly honored by Debbie and her husband, Jim, also a Veteran and thank them for this honor."

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Noon Rotary Gets Congressional Visitor



Congresswoman (KS-3rd Dist. D) Sharice Davids (right) spoke to the Olathe Noon Rotary Club recently. With her, former Rotary District Governor & Olathe City Councilman R. Wesley McCoy (center) and Club President Gregg Herbert, retiree from Enterprize Bank.

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THE HAYES REPORT

By Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Captain Ed Hayes, Retired

Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.)

From "Officers Down Memorial Page," 135 Dead in '23, 24 in '24 Police Officers!

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Judged Olathe Area's Best Hair Care* Salons

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Patti Bagley has been a hair stylist for over 35 years and has worked at Hair Shop West 28 years of that time. "I'm married and have two children and four grandchildren. I do the usual haircuts and styles, highlights and prints and most colors. I'd love the opportunity of meeting you soon."

See Coupons Inside Page 9

THE HAIR SHOP EST. 1988

Cercis canadensis I (love) U!

Cercis canadensis I (heart) U!

By Janine Clark-Barry

If ever there were a native tree that IS LOVE, it would be the redbud. *Cercis canadensis* begins its love for us in spring with a burst of bright purple-pink tufts all along its branches.

These trees grow low and slowly, so we won't miss a moment. Little flowers with pink to violet petals in groups of few to many, tiny but together, make quite a statement on bare, brown branches saying, "STILL ALIVE!"

Then, people like me move in close to admire their purple-pink kisses. So attractive to bees, birds and other insects, redbuds sustain a glut of wildlife during the springtime.

I like to keep that freshness and color refresher throughout the hot summer and cold winter months to remind me of the potential they bring to life.

To this end, I steal their kisses by the basketful each spring and make them into beautiful, delicate jelly and syrup for my toast on pancakes.

Many recipes can be found on-line, but the simplest one is this: 4 cups of strong redbud flower tea, 4 cups of sugar, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice and 1 box of pectin. Here's a how-to link for those of

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From The Publisher
Community Information by Keith E. Johnson

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From The Publisher
Bahamas dangerous, two Carnival Cruise passengers, raped on "safe beach" *** ** ** ** When charging your gas purchase, tug on the card scanner and see if it's a fake to steal your identity, and credit. ** ** * Your eyes have receptors that tell brain to cut-off melatonin (makes you sleepy) when you wake up. **

Two guys were riding in a car, arguing about how to say the name of the city that they were in. One said "Louie-ville" and the other "Louisville."

They went on arguing and arguing, until they came upon a fast-food restaurant. The one guy goes inside and says to the waitress, "Please tell me the name of the place where I am right now, really, really, really slowly."

The waitress goes, "Bur-ger-King."

Life is like a car ride. Sometimes you go to the vet, sometimes you go to the park, and you don't know where you're going until you get there so just enjoy the ride.

From The Publisher
* ** Need a quick approx. measure, a Dollar Bill is 6 inches long. ** I am now at the age where I can hide my own Easter Eggs. ** I don't know why, but players Voted Chiefs management & ownership least popular in NFL, who likes their boss, anyway, except me? Ann's my boss. ** Two Asian commercial passenger jet pilots both fell asleep in flight, fortunately chief pilot awoke or we'da been hearin' 'bout it

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE PARK ANIMALS THEY BECOME DEPENDANT AND WILL SOON WANT CELL PHONES

Um, the dog did it...

Really Bro? Really?

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

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A man and his wife arrive from a business trip and go to his favorite steakhouse unaware of the mad cow outbreak in his town. The waiter sits them and says, "Our special today is duck or shrimp."

The man replies, "I want a T-bone steak medium-well."

The waiter, a bit miffed continues, "What about the mad cow?"

The man looks at the waiter and says, "She can order for herself."

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From The Publisher
* ** * ** As we get older, we often are seeing someone for the last time. It is essential you give them a good lasting impression, not anger them, not hurt feelings. Works the other way, too. You want to be remembered as a nice person, agreeable, supportive, helpful, kind, thoughtful

You never know when you've said, "Good bye!" for the last time. Be remembered as a good person. ** ** DO NOT put checks in your mail box for the letter carrier to get. ** ** Our paper is FREE because of our advertisers who pay for the printing. So, it is essential that, if you use one of our advertisers, that you tell them you know of them, because you read about their business in the Gazette. God bless you for reading our paper

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**From The Publisher**  
\* \*\* \* \*\* National Puppy Day is on Saturday, March 23, and Camp Bow Wow is re-and Darley Arabian, Godolphin Arabian, Byerly Turk. The owners, for leasing the top dog names in Kansas whom the horses are named, trans-nationally based on its database oported the horses to England from the four-legged Campers. The top names Middle East in the late 17th and early 18th century

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A lawyer dies in a car accident on his 40th birthday and finds himself greeted at the Pearly Gates by a brass band. Saint Peter runs over, shakes his hand and says "Congratulations!"

"Congratulations for what?" asks the lawyer.

"Congratulations for what?!" says Saint Peter. "We're celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old."

"But that's not true," says the lawyer. "I only lived to be forty."

"That's impossible," says Saint Peter. "We've added up your time sheets."

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**From The Publisher**  
Is it bad to take 1000 mg of ibuprofen?  
Use the lowest dose that is effective in treating your condition. An ibuprofen overdose can damage your stomach or intestines. The maximum amount of ibuprofen for adults is 800 milligrams per dose or 3200 mg per day (4 maximum doses). \*\* Chiefs Butler kicker has had 9 consecutive field goals of more than 50 yards. I recall Dempsey of the Saints doing a 52 yd FG in the 80's and it was considered phenomenal. Now it is so common. Field goals are an essential part of most every game and should never be deleted. \*\* Be sure to read front page story on NYC skyscraper that could have topped if it had not been for a student finding an erro in structural engineer's work. \*\* Mexico was the name those down south called their native Americans. That is why they call it Mexico. The Spanish gave them the name Aztec. Roundabouts can be confusing, just remember, you always YIELD to the car or truck already IN the roundabout. They cut down on fatalities. \*\* \*\*

**Gazette Humor**

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Sitting on the highway waiting to catch speeders, a state police officer saw a car pattering along at 22 M.P.H. He thinks to himself, that car is just as dangerous as a speeder. So, he turns his lights on and pulls the car over. Approaching the car, he notices there are 5 old ladies, two at the front and 3 at the back, wide eyed and looking like ghosts.

The driver obviously confused said, "Officer, I don't understand, I wasn't doing over the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer said, "you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous". "Slower than the speed limit? NO SIR! I was doing exactly 22 miles an hour", the old woman said proudly.

The officer containing a chuckle explains that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned, thanking the officer for pointing out her error. "Before I go Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone OK?"

These women seem badly shaken and haven't uttered a word all this time. "Oh! they will be alright in a minute, Officer, we just got off Route 142."

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**Happy Birthday, ANGIE!**  
Happiest of Birthdays to Angie Rainwater. One of the best Gazette supporters we have ever had. Make March 25 a great day, Angie!!

**A Rough Day in Vegas**  
A lady is having a bad day at the roulette tables in Vegas. She's down to her last \$50. Exasperated, she exclaims, "What rotten luck I've had today! What in the world should I do now?"

A man standing next to her suggests, "I don't know... why don't you play your age?"

He walks away.

Moments later, his attention is grabbed by a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe she won! He rushes back to the table and pushes his way through the crowd. The lady is lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her.

The man is stunned. He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?"

The operator replies, "I don't know. She put all her money on 29, and 36 came up. Then, she just fainted!"

**DOGGS HAVE NO IDEA HOW WONDERFUL THEY ARE. THEY JUST WANDER AROUND MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.**

**REMEMBER WHENEVER YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO HELP SOMEONE, BE GLAD AND ALWAYS DO IT BECAUSE THAT'S GOD ANSWERING SOMEONE ELSE'S PRAYERS THROUGH YOU.**

Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.  
Dad: Wonderful, do you have a girl in mind?  
Boy: Yes...grandma! She said she loves me. I love her, too...and she's the best cook and story teller in the whole world!  
Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem, there!!  
Boy: What problem?  
Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!!  
Boy: Why not?! You married mine!!!!

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Running through the sprinklers. Chasing down the ice cream truck. Riding bikes with friends around the neighborhood. Swinging so high that the poles lifted up out of the ground. Picking blueberries. Catching fireflies.

No internet. No cell phones. No social media. We headed home when the streetlights came on.

Those were the summers of my childhood... How lucky I was to have grown up before technology took over the world

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### Charlotte O'Hara Gives Views on Matters in Johnson County



Johnson County District Three Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara

### Taxes Increase For You and Pay Increases For BOCC

Well, where to begin? Let's see, reappraisal notifications have been mailed and again we the people are hammered by an average increase in value of nearly 8% (Spring Hill folks, over 12%). As we all know, the percentage of increase in valuation will result in a nearly identical increase in our property tax bills.

The overall Johnson County average increase in valuation, since 2020, is over 40%!!! For our neighbors in Spring Hill the increase is well over 50%. Since 2017 Spring Hill's averagevaluations have increased 102%. That's correct, in seven years Spring Hill's valuations have more than doubled with taxes following suit. The rest of Johnson County is not far behind.

Next, let's explore the HUGE and IMPENDING DISASTER, if not immediately dealt with: increasing the pay for Johnson County Commissioners. This idea was brought forward and was defeated as a recommendation by a MINORITY of the Charter Commission in their report issued early in 2022.

In our February 29th Committee of the Whole, called by Chairman Kelly, staff dusted off the Charter Com-

mission's 2022 MINORITY opinion highlighting the urgency of addressing the "underpayment of commissioners". Failure to increase compensation would impinge upon the quality of those who seek to serve on the BOCC, according to the MINORITY report.

What are the current commissioner salaries? The base is \$47,349.00 for district commissioners and \$75,000 for the Chairman. Then add benefits: health insurance, phone allowance, car allowance, matching 401 K contributions and oh, the wonderful Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. I could never understand why ANY elected official would be allowed to be in the KPERS system. Elected officials are not employees, or so I thought. Additionally, without a vote, for 2024 we were given a \$1,200 "technology" allowance. That would be called a stealth pay increase.

I declined KPERS and health insurance and my total compensation for 2023 was \$53,458.38, according to my tax records sent to me by the county.

The current compensation packages for the remainder of the BOCC, per 2023 position detail:

District 1, Commissioner Becky Fast: \$72,198

District 2, Commissioner Meyers: \$67,733

District 4, Commissioner, Commissioner Hanzlick: \$67,733

District 5, Commissioner Ashcraft: \$72,198

Chairman Kelly: \$97,639

So why, suddenly, for Chairman Kelly is increasing the BOCC pay NOW of utmost importance? Remember late last year he proposed reducing the number of BOCC meetings nearly 50% from 46 to 26. That went over like a lead balloon. Perhaps because the 50% reduction of his time commitment as Chairman of the Johnson County BOCC was not supported by the majority, it is now CRITICAL to fatten his pay check to make up for the loss of all those billable hours at his big fancy law firm?

Meanwhile, your taxes continue to increase while the majority of the BOCC quietly ignore you and focus on their pay checks. Disgusting to say the least.

## 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.

### School Safety is Paramount

By Dr. Earl A. Martin

Who would have thought that within two years, Olathe Schools would have two student gun issues in schools: at Olathe East in 2022 and another this year at Olathe Northwest. The difference: that assistant principals and the SRO officer were shot during the incident at Olathe East and no-one was shot at Northwest.

Who would have thought. Since the 1999 horrific Columbine school shooting, there have been 394 school shootings, killing 349 students and teachers - with the number of school shootings increasing dramatically in the last 5 years (except for the 2020 pandemic school year).

The average school shooter is 16 years old. And yet, there has been very little change at the political level. The United States is the only country in the world, where children are legitimately at risk at school. It is up to the school districts to take the lead in keeping kids safe. In Florida, high schools are now installing metal detectors. Who would have thought.

The Olathe School District does an exceptional job in implementing school safety protocols. From front door access control to visitor management, video cameras, to SRO availability, to ALICE (alert-lockdown-inform-counter-evacuate) training for students AND staff, school safety has been on the ODS radar for many years.

ALICE was a training protocol that was implemented sometime ago. It basically means: hide, flee,

or fight. The "fight" piece was new to the school safety repertoire, with the idea that, if no other options are available and you are confronting a shooter, pick up something to throw at them or whatever to protect yourself, instead of just submitting to being shot.

If you look at recent examples of school shootings, you'll often find one of these key strategies missing. The shooting in Uvalde, Texas apparently lacked school door access control. The shooter just walked right in. A recent 2023 school shooting was prevented because the front doors were locked and the would-be shooter could not get in.

Recently, the Olathe School District introduced a new safety measure: Alert badges that allow any school staff member to alert the office if there is a safety emergency and even bring the school to lockdown if needed. Especially, in our large high school facilities, something like this can avert a tragedy when time is of the essence.

The motto: "It takes a village" applies here. We all have a responsibility to cooperate with school safety measures AND "to say something." In both cases at Olathe high schools, a student reported that another student had a gun. In 80% of the time, a school shooter tells somebody about their plans.

And maybe we should think about insisting that our elected representatives make school safety a priority by enacting common-sense gun safety laws that keep disturbed 16-year-olds from accessing high powered killing machines.



### Letters to the editor

Hi, Dave.

I hope you are well! I must apologize for being so absent from responding for a while. I just got quite behind on emails the last couple months!

Thank you for the copy of the Gazette! That was great to see. It's been a while since I held a newspaper in my hands. You've got so much interesting and entertaining information! We appreciate the opportunity to include LUMC information.

I wondered if it might be easiest, if I include a link to our recent weekly newsletter, CrossLinks. It has information about Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday activities (egg hunt for the kids), Easter, and a few other activities. A returning activity this month is Park and Play, a time for families to meet up at different local parks once a month to play (and there will be a little music/story time at the end). <https://lenexaumc.org/crosslinks/> (This can also be found on the website, [www.lumc.org](http://www.lumc.org), under "resources.")

Thank you again for reaching back out, and again, my apologies for taking so long to get back to you! Hope you have a great rest of your week!

Liesel  
Lenexa United Methodist Church

A priest is told by the bishop he is being moved to a new parish The priest tells the congregation the news and after the service a woman comes up to him crying: "This is terrible news father, just terrible. You can't leave us. Refuse the move, tell the bishop to find someone else for the other church." The priest puts his arm on the woman's shoulder and says "I realize this is difficult news for you Mrs. Johnson, but who knows? Maybe the next priest for this parish will be even better than me." "Oh sure," Mrs. Johnson says in hysterics. "That's what they told us the last time!"

Thought For The Day - When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog, so that someone in the house is happy to see you.  
Jerry Walter

If you can stand in the middle of the road and hold up a sign begging for money for 6+ hrs then you can get a job! I said what I said!!!

Thought For The Day - A tongue is like a knife. The sharper it is, the deeper it cuts.  
Jerry Walter

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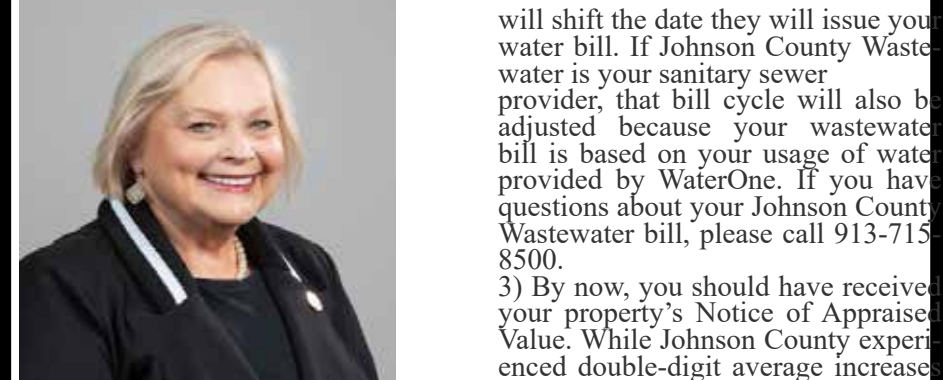
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### Top 5 News and Highlights from Johnson County Government - Feb. 2024

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1) The application window is open until April 15 for the Senior and Disabled Veteran Property Tax Relief program. Johnson County residents who are 65 or older or are a disabled veteran and who meet income and other requirements may now apply for up to \$200 in property tax relief. Learn more at [jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief](http://jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief).

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3) By now, you should have received your property's Notice of Appraisal Value. While Johnson County experienced double-digit average increase in valuations the past few years, the county is experiencing single digit increases this year. The Appraiser's Office has launched a new appeal portal for property owners to file an online appeal. Learn more at [jocogov.org/appraiser](http://jocogov.org/appraiser).

4) Thanks to a multi-year project that involved several public comment opportunities, Land developers in Johnson County will have a better understanding of what is allowed near the county's airports after a change to the land use compatibility plans approved on Feb 22. The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners adopted these changes as amendment to Johnson County's Rural Comprehensive Plan.

5) The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners approved one-time spending allocation of nearly \$658,000 from an opioid settlement fund set up to support opioid addiction treatment, community opioid education and the fight against opioid trafficking and misuse. Examples of uses for these dollars include funding for our Adult Drug Court program drug-testing kits, a blood chemistry analyzer for MED-ACT, and Narca doses/supplies.



When I was a kid there were two ways to die, Natural causes and talking back to your parents

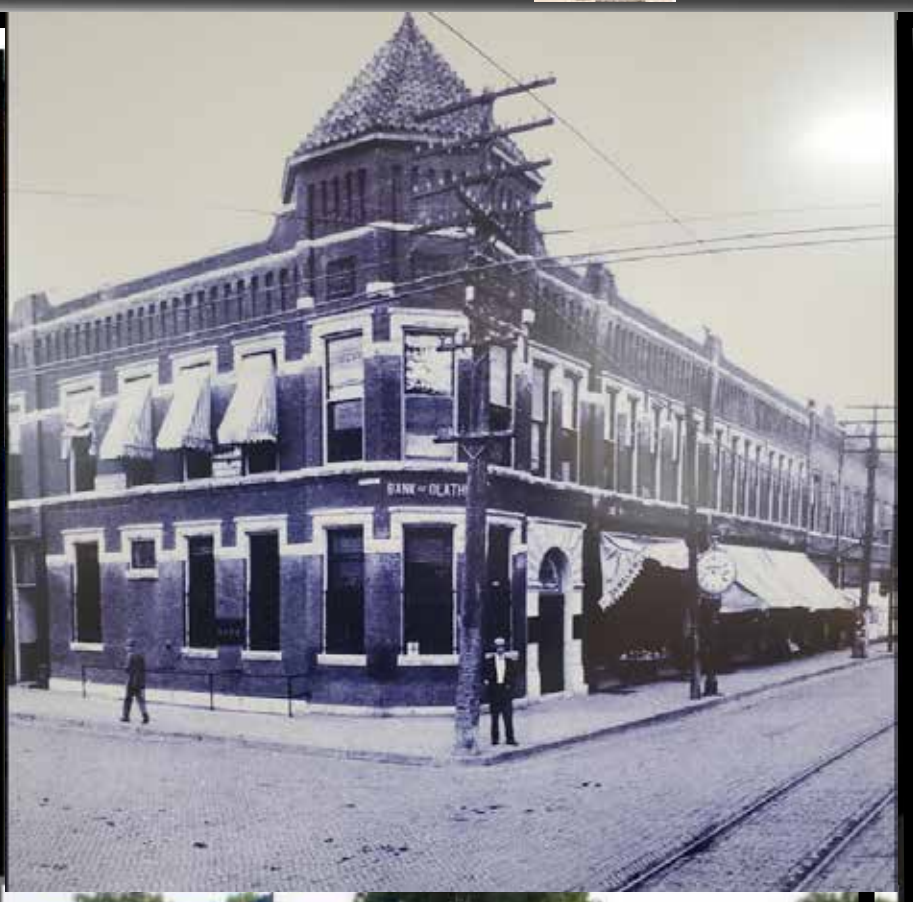


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## Whispers of Hope

by RJ Thesman

Statisticians fill out charts and mathematically deal with life. However, when dealing with numbers, they sometimes forget the heart and tenacity of single moms.

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These are the children who thrive and succeed. These are our kids. Believe in the best for your children. Always believe in the good.

RJ Thesman is the author of 26 books and 800+ articles. She is also a writing coach and an editor. Thesman lives in Olathe with her adult son and a spoiled cat. She enjoys gardening, reading, and cooking, especially anything with blueberries. Follow her blog at: <https://RJThesman.net>

## Cercis Canadensis

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you unfamiliar with making jelly: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=980561466198850> Personally, I like to add vanilla and/or lavender at the very end of the process before pouring into jars as redbud has a very light flavor.

If that jelly isn't love from a tree, I don't know what is! Yet, even when I have taken many of its flowers; it still treats me to hearts every day of the growing season. Those heart-shaped leaves are not just lovely, but they provide the perfect shade under which I can take a break from yard work or have a snooze in my hammock on a hot summer day.

Picnics are a no-brainer under the shade of a redbud too. For any who appreciate art, redbuds provide beautiful gnarled and wide spreading branches, becoming the piece de resistance in an otherwise boring yard. Even the bark is interesting in texture and colors over the course of its life.

I told a neighbor last year how I thought her redbud was the most beautiful and interesting tree on the whole block. This tree had obviously struggled through some damage, but had held fast to a spartan form. She was delighted and said she took pride in that tree herself.

Trees with character like that hold our attention even through the winter. Redbuds provide great forking branches that make choosing a nest site easy for Robins and often have cavities which please the bluebirds and woodpeckers looking for lodging too.

Even through the fall and winter, the branches provide great places with their forks and the alternate zig-zags for birds to perch and check out what's on the horizon or what's in your feeders, but enough cover to avoid direct hunting by raptors, like hawks.

Happy (Love)!  
Janine

## Papal Tour

On a tour of Ohio, the Pope took a couple of days off his itinerary to visit Lake Erie on an impromptu sightseeing trip. His 4x4 Pope-mobile was driving along the beautiful shoreline when there was an enormous commotion heard just off the headland.

They rushed to see what it was and upon approaching the scene, the Pope noticed in the water a hapless man wearing an Ohio State football jersey, struggling frantically to free himself from the jaws of a 12-foot sturgeon.

At that moment a speedboat containing three men wearing Michigan football jerseys roared into view from off the point. Spontaneously, one of the men took aim and fired a harpoon into the sturgeon's ribs, immobilizing it instantly.

The other two reached out and pulled the Ohio State man from the water and then, using long clubs, beat the fish to death. They bundled the bleeding, semi-conscious man into the boat along with the dead sturgeon and then prepared for a hasty retreat when they heard frantic shouting from the shore. It was the Pope and he summoned them to the beach.

After they reached shore, the Pope went into raptures about the rescue and said, "I give you my blessing for your brave actions. I had heard that there was bitter hatred between the people of Ohio and Michigan, but now I have seen with my own eyes this is not true. I can see that your society is a truly enlightened example of true harmony and could serve as a model on which other states could follow."

He blessed them all and drove off in a cloud of dust.

As he departed, the harpooner asked the others, "Who was that?"

"That", one answered, "was his Holiness the Pope. He is in direct contact with God and has access to all of God's wisdom."

"Well", the harpooner replied, "he knows nothing about sturgeon fishing. Is the bait holding up or do we need to get another one?"

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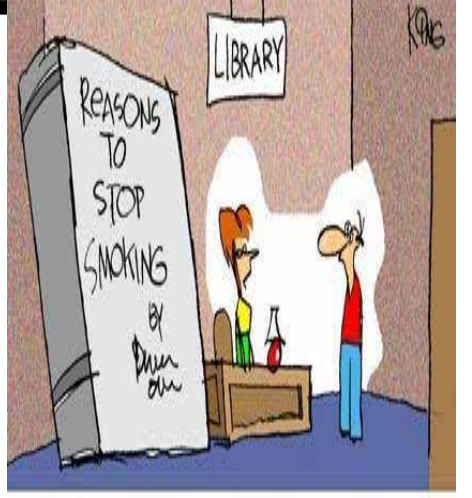
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**Overheard a lady saying she won't let her kid watch Peppa Pig because it encourages bad behaviour like "jumping in puddles". I watched Road Runner as a kid and haven't blown anyone up with dynamite - yet.**



**REMEMBER WHENEVER YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO HELP SOMEONE, BE GLAD AND ALWAYS DO IT BECAUSE THAT'S GOD ANSWERING SOMEONE ELSE'S PRAYERS THROUGH YOU.**

A wealthy old man looked around the table at his two sons and five daughters and their spouses gathered for a family reunion. "Not a single grandchild," he said with a sigh. "Why, I'll give a million dollars to the first kid who presents me with a little one to bounce on my knee. Now, let's say grace." When the old man lifted his eyes again, his wife was the only other person at the table.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS....

1-7-24

They keep telling us to get in touch with our bodies. Mine isn't all that communicative but I heard from it the other day after I said, "Body, how'd you like to go to the six o'clock class in vigorous tanning?" Clear as a bell my body said, "listen witch... do it and die!"

The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing (and then they marry him.)

Many we love have passed away too soon... Without reason.

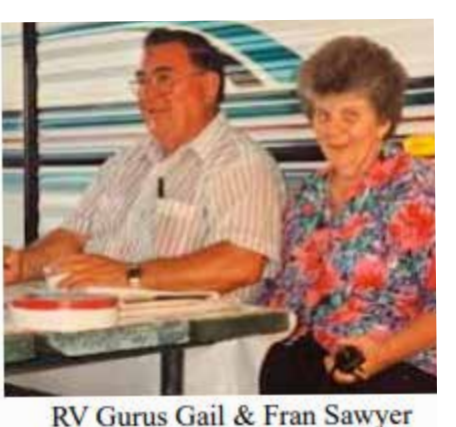
We remember them often in a thousand different ways... In the morning... In the night... When we look at the stars.. A date.. A song.. A place.. A smell.. In memory of all those who left us too soon....

Click "share" if you miss somebody who is watching down on you from heaven.

Thought for today.....  
In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead.

The judge warned the witness, "Do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth?"  
"I do."  
"Do you understand what will happen if you are not truthful?"  
"Sure," said the witness. "My side will win."

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### TRIP TO CATALINA ISLAND

Gail Sawyer

Back in the 1960's before Fran & I were married, I went to Long Beach California to see some friends and decided to take a cruise to Catalina Island to tour the Wrigley Home and other things of interest. After leaving Long Beach I got very seasick. I was using the bathroom on the ship, and I was dry heaving, and the Captain of the Boat said it was going to be rougher coming home.

I replied it was not for me because I was flying back to Long Beach. After arriving at Catalina Island, the first thing they put me on was a glass bottom boat and you could look down and see the fish swimming around and that did not help my being seasick at all. I immediately booked a flight back to Long Beach. I should have known I would get sick because I get sea sick on a pontoon boat

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The Bunny

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have the big blow-ups and such but we played games like Red-Rover, Drop the Hankie, and Duck, Duck, Goose especially for the little ones. Easter Sunday was always a full day. It would start off with a beautiful Sunrise service normally out in the country then back to the church for a breakfast. We then would get on our best Sunday outfits and off to church.

I wonder how my mother accomplished all she did during the season! After church we would come home for a wonderful meal which included decorated deviled eggs. Mother normally would top them with a sprinkle of paprika, but on Easter she would sprinkle the tops with little green and pink crystals that she used occasionally when decorating cakes.

Not all of these traditions have always been followed, but one special one has been carried on for 84 years.

Mother would take a round angel-food cake, cover it with white frosting then green colored coconut. A paper cup would be stuck in the center, frosted over and a green plastic bunny would be placed on it. Jelly beans would be scattered on top of the cake.

Our daughter still has the bunny and it appears, along with a lot of special memories, at our Easter meal.

Biggest Design Flaw

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information. Hartley double-checked her figures several times, then decided to reveal her frightening discovery within the thesis.

Her professor, David Billington, reviewed the calculations in Hartley's thesis, and made a notation on the report questioning the numbers. Hartley was sure her calculations were right, so she decided to call her contact at LeMessurier, Joel S. Weinstein, to verify her numbers. She was told they were correct, and expressed her concerns. But she was reassured the building was structurally sound, and could withstand the winds. So she dropped the issue.

NYC only requires skyscrapers to account for perpendicular winds when calculating risk. This is because most buildings that are strong enough to handle perpendicular winds can also handle any quartering winds that might occur, since perpendicular winds are typically much stronger and more dangerous.

But this was no ordinary building. Hartley had done thorough calculations, and the results had shown that the building was particularly vulnerable to being toppled over, if high quartering winds occurred.

The Realization

Meanwhile, Weinstein, who took the call, wisely decided that perhaps he should at least mention it to LeMessurier. At first, LeMessurier dismissed the student's claims. However, it stuck in the back of his mind, and after some time, he began to consider it seriously. He realized he had not factored in quartering winds, so he ran the numbers himself. Then he ran them again. And again.

Next, he pulled weather data and factored that in. Although LeMessurier's initial feelings are not recorded, we can only assume images must have flashed through his mind of public humiliation. His career would most assuredly be over when the truth was revealed. LeMessurier had confirmed Hartley's findings.

The Data & The Dilemma

LeMessurier was able to determine that a storm with winds strong enough to topple the building occurred in NYC once every 55 years on average. That was bad enough, but he had previously found another critical error: the bolted joints. Even with both of these issues, the TMD (Tune Mass Damper) would theoretically render the risks negligible. However, the TMD would have to be functioning properly, and if the storm caused a power outage, it would be rendered useless.

The risk was completely unacceptable. What if something happened and people were hurt or killed? LeMessurier first ran tests of his own, and then visited a wind-tunnel expert he knew in Canada, who ran more tests and confirmed his fears. He agonized over his next move, even considering suicide by traveling 100 miles an hour into a bridge abutment.

But he says he didn't consider it very long, "Because if I did that I would miss finding out how the story ended—and that might be a rather stimulating experience." The explanation conspicuously left out public safety issues. His ethics in handling the situation were shaky at best, yet he is known for them in history.

The Decision

Ultimately, he did the right thing—mostly. LeMessurier informed the architect's attorney, his own liability insurance company, the architect, and the owner of Citicorp, who all decided to collaborate in secret. LeMessurier later told an audience of students at M.I.T. in 1995, "We had to cook up a line of bull, I'll tell you. And white lies at this point are entirely moral," citing the reason as not wanting to incite panic.

But the fact of the matter is, all those "people in charge" were in on the subsequent coverup. Though few people were told at all, among them were building officials, Mayor Ed Koch, the Red Cross, the police, and the head of the welders' union. These groups developed plans for repairing the structural inadequacy of the tower and implemented them.

The entire process of the repair work took place at night, after employees got off work. It stopped when they were about to enter the building in the morning. They were told the crew were performing "routine checks and repairs," and there was nothing to be worried about, a construction crew welded two-inch-thick steel plates over each of the skyscraper's 200 bolted joints, permanently correcting the problem.

With the tuned mass damper active, LeMessurier estimated that a wind capable of toppling the building would occur on average once every 55 years. If the tuned mass damper could not function due to a power outage, a wind strong enough to cause the building's collapse would occur once every 16 years on average.

About halfway through the repairs, a storm just the right size, Hurricane Ella, was headed for New York. Luckily, Ella turned east and never hit land. But NYC was just hours away from evacuation, with the Red Cross and other emergency personnel standing by—and no one even knew it. Later, the Red Cross estimated that 200,000 people could have been killed, with hundreds of thousands potentially injured.

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The Impact

Thanks to Mother Nature, as certainly no one else can be credited, it was the disaster—that wasn't. A couple of odd but strategic facts came into play during this time period. Number one, Citicorp and local officials (like Mayor Koch) collaborated and came up with an emergency evacuation plan for a "just-in-case" scenario, but purposely did not publish that plan—even though public safety was at risk.

Secondly, the three major NYC newspapers were on strike during this time. Also, repairs were completed before the newspapers returned from the strike. And lastly, nothing happened to cause anyone to be questioned: No hurricane hit, and no structural failure occurred. All these things combined created the perfect "disguise" for the issues to remain a secret.

The Discovery

You'll never guess how the story got out to the general public, when it did. In a strange twist of fate, Joseph Morgenstern, a reporter for The New Yorker, was at a cocktail party one evening, listening to people's stories. He overheard the story being told there, and called LeMessurier to ask for an interview.

Perhaps LeMessurier consented to the interview, because he was feeling guilty after all his efforts to keep the incident quiet, and after receiving several awards and praise for his structural design of the building.

Whatever LeMessurier's reasons, Morgenstern got the interview, and the story broke in 1995. Only after the BBC issued a documentary about the event did Diane Hartley (the former student) find



59 floors Could Have Topped Built in 1977 for Citibank, it is 915 feet (279 m) tall and has 59 floors with a combined 1.3 million square feet (120,000 m2) of office space. The building was designed by architect Hugh Stubbins, associate architect Emery Roth & Sons, and structural engineer William LeMessurier. A tuned mass damper (TMD) is a device consisting of a mass, a spring, and a damper that is attached to a structure in order to reduce the dynamic response of the structure.

THE FIX!

In July 1978, a possible structural flaw was discovered in Citicorp Center, a skyscraper that had recently been completed in New York City. Workers quietly made repairs over the next few months. The building, now known as Citigroup Center, occupied an entire block and was to be the headquarters of Citibank.

Its structure, designed by William LeMessurier, had several unusual design features, including a raised base supported by four offset stilts and a column in the center, diagonal bracing which absorbed wind loads from upper stories, and a tuned mass damper with a 400-ton concrete weight floating on oil to counteract oscillation movements.

It was the first building that used active mechanical elements (the tuned mass damper) for stabilization. LeMessurier agonized over how to deal with the problem. If the issues were made known to the public, he risked ruining his professional reputation and causing panic in the immediate area surrounding the building and the occupants.

LeMessurier considered never bringing the issue up, and he also briefly contemplated committing suicide before anyone else found out about the defect. LeMessurier ultimately contacted Stubbins's lawyer and insurance carrier. LeMessurier then contacted Citicorp's lawyers, the latter of which hired Leslie E. Robertson as an expert adviser.

Citicorp accepted LeMessurier's proposal to weld steel plates over the bolted joints, and Karl Koch Erecting was hired for the welding process.[30] Very few people were made aware of the issue, besides Citicorp leadership, mayor Ed Koch, acting buildings commissioner Irving E. Minkin, and the head of the welder's union.

Construction crews started installing the welded panels at night in August 1978. Officials made no public mention of any possible structural issues, and the city's three major newspapers had gone on strike.

Officials barely acknowledged the issue, instead describing the work as a routine procedure. Henry DeFord III of Citicorp claimed the Citicorp Center could withstand a 100-year wind and that there were no "noticeable problems in the building at all".

As precautions, emergency generators were installed for the mass damper, strain gauges were placed on critical beams and weather forecasters were engaged.[20] Citicorp and local officials created emergency evacuation plans for the immediate neighborhood.

However, these evacuation plans were not publicized at the time, although thousands of people could have been killed in a potential collapse.[ Six weeks into the work, a major storm (Hurricane Ella) was off Cape Hatteras and heading for New York.

The reinforcement was only half-finished, with New York City hours away from emergency evacuation, but at that point the backup generators were in place and the mass damper was being continually monitored by special staff, and enough of the bracing had been completed that the tower was estimated to be able to survive a 200-year storm.[Ella eventually turned eastward and veered out to sea. The weather watch ended on September 13.

Repairs were completed in October 1978, and most of the newspapers remained out of production for weeks after it was completed. LeMessurier claimed a wind strong enough to topple the repaired building would occur only once every 700 years. Stubbins and LeMessurier's insurance carrier covered all of the repair costs, estimated to be several million dollars.

Disney Employee Tell-All

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There Is a Disney Jail for Wild Guests With so many visitors to the theme park, there are bound to be at least a few trouble makers who make it in. 50,000 people pay to play, each and every day. At that scale, even 1% means 500 crazy guests. For these folks, Disney has a jail on-site to prevent chaos. There is a holding area for thieves, lunatics, and Mary-jane smokers. This isn't just a myth, as funny as it may sound.

After jumping through all the hoops of training to become a part of the Disney universe, one might think the coast is clear. But no, it never is. Once you make it into full-time work, it's a reason to celebrate, but that's not all. It's also a time to start paying attention to the many rules and restrictions to ensure you keep the gig. Past fired cast members have made many errors. Smooching another worker, for example. Or gaining weight, as a princess. Yikes!

All Costume Characters Have to Be Wordless

There are life-sized characters all around the park, and we know that a real human is inside. But for just a little while, we like to pretend that's not the case. It's Mickey, in the flesh! But really, those cast members must abide by a specific protocol to stay on the job. You might want to have a conversation with them, and that's understandable. But by Disney regulation, they are not allowed to chat back.

No matter how excited guests beg you to play along, you cannot verbally respond if you are in a costume. But is that really so sad? It might affect the magic if they started talking in the wrong voice! Keep Watching

Don't You Dare Ask for an Autograph From Celeb Guests

Few of us can say we would keep our cool if we ran into our favorite celeb. If you are a worker at Disney, that's bound to happen once in a while. And when it does, you're not allowed to acknowledge them. You cannot ask for an autograph, for sure. The famous want to enjoy time with their kids, and Disney wants them to have a day to remember for the right reasons.

Anyway, how would Mickey Mouse know about Ryan Reynolds? They live in different universes, and this should be the only time they cross paths. Staying in character is essential at all times, even if you are starstruck behind the mask.

Please Resist the Temptation to Spread Human Ashes

It might sound perverse, but folks keep trying to release the urns of their dead at the park. Why is Disneyworld a popular destination for ashes? Maybe it was a child's favorite place, and it seems like a sentimental place to leave their spirit. Apparently, this happens often enough that the management has a policy on it. It's highly against the rules, and we are not surprised to find out that it will get you a lifetime ban.

Sure, the grieving process is hard. But unleashing this dust while a roller coaster is in motion is a big mess for everyone. It will just get swept up at the end of the day, anyway. In summary: Just don't.

Spooky Cast Members Are Not Allowed to Crack Smiles

Much of Disney is whimsical. But visitors to the park love its creepy side, too. The Haunted Mansion is one of its most popular and enduring attractions. It's a ghost train kind of situation, and for the mood to be authentic, the cast members need to make sure their usual grins are left at the door. If things are haunted, you've got to act like you're undead. Is that so hard?

For the less smiley among the staff, the mansion is the perfect place to show off their dead eyes. It's part of the reason why people return to get freaked out, over and over. Great ghouls, Disney!

It's Time to Hear About the Disney Princess Diet

In the modeling biz, thin is always in. Sure, there are plus-sized ads now, too. But for the most part, the industry favorite remains the same. One would think that Disney is a little more welcoming since it's a place for kids. But no! The company does want its princesses to be quite trim, just like their animated selves. The question is, how do female employees keep their figures and their jobs?

Anonymous, one former princess claimed: "Some of the princesses did cleanses to stay fit; a lot of the girls were naturally thin. We'd go to the gym after work or do workout videos together during our breaks."

This Unappealing Green Is All Over for a Reason

We already know that an incredible amount of planning is put into every building and attraction. But what about the ugly space in between? As it turns out, Disney planners have that covered, too. Whenever there is something guests might find irrelevant to the overall theme, it gets painted. One special color is always used, as seen here. It's a mean green, and allegedly, you're not supposed to like it.

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Disney Employee Tell-All

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So, what do you think? The hue is used for non-magical distractions. You will see it on staff doors and eyeshades, galore. With these things coated in the same color, the mind starts to ignore them as a pattern. Sneaky, really!

It Turns Out That The Castles Are Optical Illusions

Sleeping Beauty copied Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. Snow White showed off a style taken from Alcázar de Segovia in Spain. The animators were inspired by the best of the best when they created those fairytale visuals for us. And at Disneyworld, we can visit them without flying all the way to the mountains of Europe. But there's one thing only park workers know for sure: Their size is a sneaky engineering trick.

What do we mean? Disney planners decided to use a shortcut to make the structures appear larger than they really are. By placing smaller bricks at the top, it fools the human eye into thinking buildings are taller. Additionally, the second and third stories are scaled-down. Fooled us, that's for sure!

It's Not an Accident You Hear Clippy Horse Feet

On main street at the park, you can hear the sounds of horses walking all around you: Clop, clop, clop, it never stops. Since you probably don't hang out with stallions every day, you might think that's normal. But it's not! Disney has intentionally enhanced the feet of their horses for your enjoyment. It's a magical little detail you would never plan. But at Disney, they have truly thought about everything.

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Real Cats Roam the Park as Animal Employees

If you were to get trapped in Disneyworld after hours, you might be surprised to find what comes out at night. The park unleashes a legion of felines that it uses to keep things clean. In what way? Why, their natural instinct to hunt rats, of course! No Disney experience should involve rodents. The planners at this world-class park are willing to use any method to ensure your satisfaction.

When the park was first constructed, workers found some strays hanging out. At first, they tried giving them away to staff as pets. But after a while, they reconsidered. Why deal with the cat and rat infestation separately? It's a natural ecosystem, as is!

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The Cedar Creek Social Committee is thrilled to announce the Cedar Creek Art Fair: A One-day Only Pop-Up Immersive Wonderland that will immerse attendees in a captivating world of local fine arts.

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# Gazette Sports

Featuring Gazette Sports Editor Emeritus David Highfill



Gazette Sports Editor DAVID HIGHFILL

### K-State Is Early Big 12 Football Favorite

Both Fanduel and BetOnline are giving K-State roughly 3-to-1 odds to win the Big 12 in 2024, with Utah (7-2) and Kansas (13-2) coming in as other top contenders.

Oklahoma and Texas are headed to the SEC and Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah on way to the Big 12. That left many to wonder which teams would be best positioned to win the conference next season. For now, K-State has the vote.

The Cats went 9-4 a year ago and beat North Carolina State in the Pop-Tarts Bowl. Avery Johnson has taken over the offense as a sophomore quarterback and several key starters return on defense.

- Early Big 12 Championship odds
- Kansas State-plus 340
  - Utah-plus 380
  - Kansas-plus 650
  - Arizona-plus 750
  - Texas Tech-plus 800
  - UCF-plus 1000
  - Iowa State-plus 1100
  - Oklahoma State-plus 1600
  - TCU-plus 1600
  - West Virginia-plus 1900
  - Colorado-plus 4000
  - Baylor-plus 5500
  - Cincinnati-plus 6500
  - Arizona State-10000
  - BYU-13000
  - Houston-13000

### Clint Brown in new Roster-Management Director for K-State football

Clint Brown, a veteran college coach who has spent the last two years as an offensive control coach in Manhattan, has been named the new Roster Management director for K-State football.

Thanks to the rise in transfers, this position will become important for K-State. He will be in charge of tracking transfers, NIL evaluations, and scholarship numbers.

Other college football teams, including the Kansas Jayhawks, have hired staffers to similar roles in recent years.

### 2 Broncos Sign Football Scholarships

Spring Hill head coach Jason Feback recently announced the football scholarship signings of Cooper D'Albini and Keanu Tiafa. D'Albini will stay close to home and play at Washburn University in Topeka while Tiafa will take his talents to Southern Virginia University.

### Cobin Sets Desoto High Scoring Record

Senior David Cobin put in a game-high 26 points and set the Desoto school record career record with 1,208 points, breaking the previous mark of 1,204 set by Mason Wedel. Cobin led Desoto to a 64-42 win over Baschior-Linwood.

### Caitlyn Clark Beats Pete Maravich's record and becomes all-time NCAA Division I scoring leader.

Iowa's Caitlyn Clark is now the all-time scoring leader, breaking the late Pete Maravich's 34-year old record when she made two free throws after a technical foul in the Hawkeyes recent win over Ohio State.

Maravich's mark was one of the more remarkable feats in sports history. There was no shot clock or 3-point line in his era. The 3-point line was adopted in 1986.

### Spring Hill Wrestling Qualifiers

- We qualified 17 to state. 5 girls and 12 boys.
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  - Campbell Mermis Jr 145 lbs 2nd Place
  - Avery Feback Sr 190 lbs 6th Place
  - Brock Slimmer Fr 106 lbs 4th Place
  - Avery Bartek Jr 150 lbs 5th Place
- The following kids all qualified
- Rylee Jones So 105
  - Ellie Ruffin Jr 135
  - Maddoc Johnston So 113
  - Ryan Pahl sr 126 (won a match)
  - James Sheldon Sr 132 (won a match)
  - Austin Ross Jr 138 (won a match)
  - Chase Wilson Jr 144
  - Brodie Pipkin Jr 157
  - Noah Anderton Sr 165 (won a match)
  - Caden Bartek Sr 175
  - Kasey O'Neal Sr 190 (won a match)
  - Logan Alexander Jr (won a match)

### Riedinger, Smith Win State Wrestling Titles For GEHS

Madalyn Riedinger and Kasen Smith won individual state titles and Karen Rodriguez won silver leading the GEHS wrestling contingent at the 5A-6A state meet, Hartman Arena, Park City, Feb. 24.

Ty Hammers brought back 3rd place honors and Roman Clouse took 4th rounding out the Blazers top scorers.

"It was a great state tournament for the Blazers," said Coach Tyler Cordts, in his 8th year at the GEHS helm. We put 3 in the state finals and 5 total on the podium. We return the bulk of the state qualifiers and look forward to the 25-25 season."



"Public drinking fountains with complimentary splash guards... is this a great country or what?!"

### Overspending Culprits

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Here are the 8 worst culprits for overspending (and how you can save money by avoiding them):

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Most people I know use Total Adblock (link here) - it's \$2.42/month, but there are plenty of solid options.

Ads also typically take a while to load, so using an ad blocker reduces loading times (typically by 50% or more). They also block ad tracking pixels to protect your privacy, which is nice.

Here's a link to Total Adblock, if you're interested.

#### 3. Auto Insurance.

Believe it or not, the average American family still overspends by \$417/year on car insurance.

Here's how to quickly see how much you're being overcharged (takes maybe 30 seconds): Pull up Coverage.org - it's a free site that will compare prices for you. Answer the questions on the page. It'll spit out a bunch of insurance quotes for you. That's literally it. You'll likely save yourself a bunch of money.

Here's a link to Coverage.org

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### Gazette Sports Editor Emeritus DAVID HIGHFILL

By Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports Editor. Congratulations to Coach David Birch and the 6A State boys basketball Shawnee Mission Northwest Cougars!

Birch, a former Olathe East and Ottawa University basketball star, guided Northwest to a perfect 25-0 record. The Cougars defeated Wichita Heights 47-39 to win the school's first state basketball crown last Saturday in Wichita.

The Kansas City Metro's last undefeated boys state champion was Lansing in 2014. Alven Riley led the way with 13 points while Keaton Wagler added 10.

Meanwhile, the Bishop Miege girls basketball team won its fifth straight 4A state title with a 75-64 win over Wellington last Saturday in Salina. Mary Grant led Miege with 20 points.

The Olathe North boys basketball team capped an outstanding season with an 18-5 record. The team lost its first round 6A state game to Mill Valley 69-57.

Leading scorers for North this season were Jaalan Watson, Aiden Bruce and Sam Simmons.

In 3A boys basketball, the Wells-Village Eagles won their third state title and first since 1994 by virtue of a 68-58 decision over Goodland.

Willie Dorsey-whose father Brent Dorsey starred for the school's last title in 94-led the Eagles with 23 points. Calvin Dwyer added 15 and Dezmund Winton 10 in a game played at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

Individually, DeSoto senior David Cobin recently set the school's scoring record with 1,208 points, breaking the previous mark of 1,204 (set by Mason Wedel).

Also reaching the 1,000 career point milestone was Heritage Christian Academy senior Caelyn Ferguson. Ferguson has signed to play basketball at John Brown University in Northwest Arkansas.

The HCA girls won the Kaw Valley conference title before bowing to Topeka Hayden in first round 3A state action.

Congratulations to the Joco Gazette and on to the great sport of Track and Field!

### 4. Not Paying Off Credit Card Debt.

Debt can make you feel hopeless—even if you're responsible about making payments on time, the interest sometimes prevents you from paying off the debt.

But, believe it or not, plenty of companies (Accredited Debt Relief, for example) are willing to help you pay off your debt. Here's how it typically works:

A company like Accredited Debt Relief (there are plenty of others, too) negotiates with your credit card companies, banks etc. to try and reduce your debt.

If possible, they'll consolidate all of your different sources of debt so you only have to make one monthly payment to one place.

A lot of times you'll end up paying significantly less than you owe. Here's an example from Accredited Debt Relief's site:

E.g. he was \$80k in debt, and ended up saving around \$30k.

If things go well, you could be debt-free in 24-48 months or so. Here's a calculator you can use to get a savings estimate, if you're interested.

### 5. Not Getting A Financial Advisor.

99% of people don't have one, and it's typically a huge mistake. Sure, you can manage things on your own if you want to, but most people don't have the time to actually do things right. There are huge benefits to having somebody pay attention to your money all the time.

People with financial advisors tend to beat the market by ~3%/year (according to a 2019 Vanguard Study). That can make a huge difference over time.

But more important: a good advisor will handle ALL of the annoying retirement stuff & bizarre tax implications you would have never thought of. If you don't know a financial advisor personally, use a comparison site (like WiserAdvisor) and find somebody near you that has good reviews.

Or if you want something easier, here's a quiz you can fill out that will find an advisor/planner based on your reqs.

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Spring Hill wrestlers received their state medals on the podium at the Hartman Arena in Park, City..



Left to Right: Gracie Opeau (Sr) 130 lbs - 2nd Place; Avery Bartek (Jr) 150 lbs - 5th Place; Avery Feback (Sr) 190 lbs - 6th Place; Brock Slimmer (Fr) 106 lbs - 4th Place; Campbell Mermis (Jr) 145 lbs - 2nd Place; Tucker Woofter Head Wrestling Strength & Conditioning

### Spring Hill Wrestling Teams Impressive At State

by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports

Spring Hill high school wrestling squads turned in top performances at the 5A-6A state meet in Hartman Arena, Park City, Feb. 24.

The Broncos qualified 17 to state, including 5 girls and 12 boys.

Earning silver medals were Gracie Opeau, 130 pounds and Campbell Mermis, 145 pounds.

Brock Slimmer brought back a 4th place at 106 pounds while Avery Bartek was 5th at 150 pounds. Avery Feback took 6th place at 190 pounds.

Also qualifying were Rylee Jones, 105 pounds, Ellie Ruffin, 135, Maddoc Johnston, 113, Ryan Pahl won a match at 126, James Sheldon won a match at 132, and Austin Ross won a match at 138.

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My niece's class assignment was to interview a senior citizen about his or her life, so she asked me many questions about my life. She asked about cars, wars, etc. Then she asked, "What was the biggest historical event that happened during your childhood?"

"I'd have to say the moonwalk," I replied.

She looked disappointed. "That dance was so important to you? I would've thought you'd be too old to dance by the time that came out!"

**WHY?**  
from Diane Hart (serialized 3-5-24)  
Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke. Go ahead and try it...

**Did you know?**  
By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



Good event for Highfills 'at ag Olympics the hay bale throw. Jared Highfill says he would win it!! Our Gazette investigative reporter tells us.

The mine operator called the nearby state prison and asked them to send over a safe cracker to open his jammed safe. Soon a convict showed up, spun the dials, listened intently, and calmly opened the safe door. "Well," said the mine operator, "what do you think I owe you?" The prisoner said, "Uh, the last time I opened a safe, I got \$25,000."

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Thought for today
If you made a promise, keep it.
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If someone confided in you, respect it.
If you did wrong, apologize for it.
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Hiring the Right Contractor

Whether you're thinking about selling your home, or just want to do renovations for yourself, finding and hiring the right contractor can be a challenge! The following tips also apply to hiring a tradesperson for only a job or two.

- 1) Get referrals! Ask your family, neighbors and friends for the names of people they have used. Check the *Better Business Bureau*, too.
- 2) Get in touch with the referrals, once you have a list of names. When speaking with the company, be sure to ask about their completed jobs and experience. Ask how many other projects, they may have going as this will impact them getting to your job.
- 3) Research your options. Once you have narrowed your search, start to check them out! The Better Business Bureau, but also look for on-line reviews. If possible, talk to their previous clients. Ask to make sure they are a licensed contractor, too.
- 4) Some questions to ask: **How long have you been in business? Have you worked on similar projects? Do you have references you can give me? ARE YOU BONDED? Do you carry workman's compensation insurance? Who will supervise the project on-site? What work will you be doing and what do I have to subcontract?**

Finally, *beware* of doing business with someone who does the following:

- 1) Gives you a quote *before* seeing your job.
- 2) Demands a large deposit up front. Most contractors will have a charge account for supplies.
- 3) Don't let the contractor get you to sign on the first visit. You should get a plan and written estimate after your initial visit.
- 4) Get everything in writing: Detailed description of the project, all building permits if needed, price and terms of payment.

Hopefully, these guidelines will help you determine what is best for you and your home! And as always, The Houglund Team will be happy to help you sell your home. Thank you!

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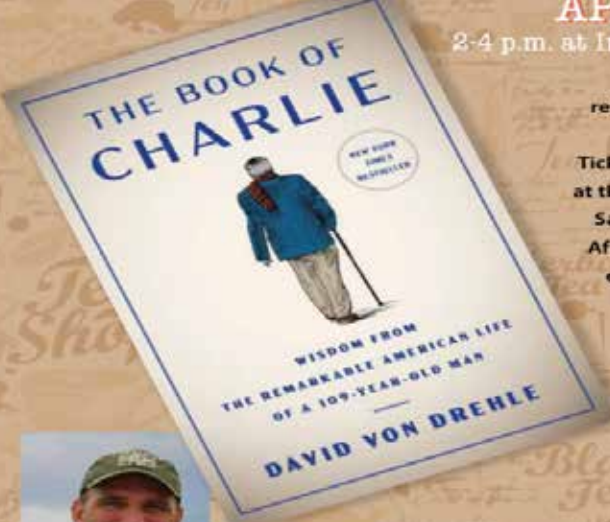
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It's March! We leaped out of February into the month of March Madness! There is so much to think about and do in this month of green! We Spring Forward and set out clocks up an hour which is known as Daylight Savings Time. Did March come in like a lion and will it go out like a lamb? The weather has been so different these last few months. We just had that day of 78 degrees that dropped over 40 degrees in just a few hours. And then bam! Up again to 70's! I'll take that! The weather crew just shared that February was the 3rd warmest since way back when. It's almost Spring Break for the schools in our area.

I remember being on an airplane being de-iced so we could fly off to warm and sunny Arizona. Think we'll see any more snow this season? It's hard to tell, so stay tuned! There are plenty of special holidays in March, the 8th is Peanut Cluster Day! Many of us know the Queen of Peanut Cluster production! She just happens to write a column for the Gazette! I like March 11th because it's Napping Day! An afternoon nap comes in handy, and really can be helpful when I don't know what we're having for dinner, so I take a nap and give all of my quiet time to figure out what to cook! So, I have more than a March Nap Day—it's almost every day! March 14th—everyone remembers Pi Day! You know, 3.14.

One of our local grocery stores had a magazine that on front cover had some really delicious looking pies—lemon meringue, chocolate, coconut crème, so I thought I might find a recipe in there for pies. Nope, they only want you to order those pies from them! I'll look for a yummy pie recipe to share with you! I found one that is "impossible" to make. I've not made it, but it must work to make its own crust! Pi day is followed by the Ides of March on the 15th. Back to food! March 16th is Artichoke Day! I just happen to have a jar of artichokes in my pantry, which recipe shall I pull out for that day? And then it's St. Patrick's Day!

Yes, March 17th! Don't forget to wear green that day, or someone may pinch you! Some spring green vegetables include asparagus, peas, and broccoli. Spring flowers already are in bloom, daffodils and crocus. My surprise lilies, aka "naked ladies" have started showing their green growth. For those of you who are getting ready to start gardening, get those potatoes planted on St. Patrick's Day! And get the peas planted so you can have new potatoes and peas by Memorial Day! Easter falls on the last day of March this year, so let's start thinking about our traditions when it comes to food to celebrate that special day. Meanwhile, ladies, March is Women's History Month so read up on famous women who have been recognized and their achievements.

May Good Luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow

Chicken and Artichoke Heart Stroganoff

- 4 chicken breasts
- 1 (6 oz.) jar marinated artichoke hearts
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed or 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 c. water
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes, dissolved in hot water
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/2 c. cooking sherry
- Salt and pepper to taste



Cut chicken breasts into 1/2 inch strips. Drain 2 tablespoons oil from artichokes into skillet and heat. Add chicken, onion, and garlic. Sauté over medium heat until chicken is lightly browned. Combine remaining marinade, water, bouillon cubes, flour, mustard and dill weed. Add to skillet and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer until chicken is cooked. Stir in sour cream, artichoke hearts, and sherry. Heat through. Add salt and pepper to taste and serve over noodles or rice. Serves 4.

Beverly Wittenborn

Italian Style Asparagus

- 1 1/2 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1 Tbsp. water
- 1 1/2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 c. light balsamic vinaigrette dressing
- 3/4 c. shredded Italian three cheese blend



Microwave asparagus and water in a 10x6 inch dish or shallow casserole on HIGH for 4 to 5 minutes or until asparagus is crisp-tender; drain. Add tomatoes and dressing; toss to coat. Add cheese; mix lightly. Let stand 30 minutes or up to 1 hour before serving.

Linda Theno

Asparagus Rolls

- 16 slices white or whole wheat bread
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 4 green onions, chopped finely
- 1 (16 oz.) can asparagus spears, drained
- 3 Tbsp. melted butter or margarine
- Grated Parmesan cheese



Tear crusts from bread and flatten with rolling pin. Mix cream cheese, bacon, and green onions. Spread cheese mixture on bread slice, covering to edge. Place 2 spears of asparagus on each slice of bread, trimming to fit bread. Roll up and place in a well-greased baking pan. Baste with melted butter and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Janet Henry

Impossible Pie

- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. coconut
- 1/4 c. margarine, melted
- 2 c. milk
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp vanilla



Mix ingredients in blender or with mixer. Pour into well-greased 9" pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes. Cool before cutting. This recipe makes its own crust when baking.

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Some Words Redefined

- EGOTIST...**A conceited person who thinks he knows as much as you do.
- FLATTERY...**The art of telling a person exactly what he thinks of himself.
- GIRDLE...**An ingenious device invented to keep an unfortunate situation from spreading.
- HIGHBROW...**A person educated beyond their intelligence.
- LAZINESS...**The habit of resting before you get tired.
- MEMORY...**The thing I forget with.
- OLD AGE...**A time of life when men pay more attention to the food than they do to the waitress.
- PARENTS...**People who bear infants, bore teenagers, and board newlyweds.
- PARKING METER...**A piggy bank on a hitching post.
- PARKING SPACE...**An area which disappears as you are making a U-turn.
- POISE...**The ability to keep talking while the other person picks up the check.
- PREJUDICE...**Weighing the facts with your thumb on the scale.

PROVERB...A short sentence based on long experience.

PRUNE...A plum that has seen better days.

RELATIVES...People who come to dinner who aren't friends.

SKIING...Something you learn in many sittings.

SMALL TOWN...A place where it's no sooner done than said.

GOOD QUESTIONS

Is there another word for synonym? Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines? Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done? What was the best thing before sliced bread? A young woman was preparing a ham dinner. After she cut off the end of the ham, she placed it in a pan for baking. Her friend asked her, "Why did you cut off the end of the ham?" And she replied, "I really don't know but my mother always did, so I thought you were supposed to." Later when talking to her mother she asked her why she cut off the end of the ham before baking it, and her mother replied, "I really don't know, but that's the way my mom always did it." A few weeks later while visiting her grandmother, the young woman asked, "Grandma, why is it that you cut off the end of a ham before you bake it?" Her grandmother replied, "Well dear, it would never fit into my baking pan until I cut the end off."

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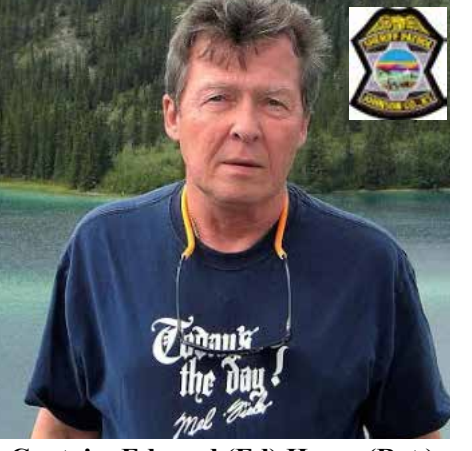


Meigs County, TN, Deputy Sheriff R.J. Leonard died, yet another vehicle crash

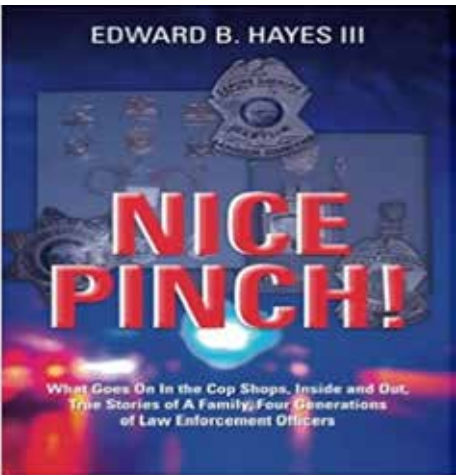
Toward Being a Deputy Sheriff

Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.) Johnson County Sheriff's Dept. Ed Hayes (Continued from Page 1)

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Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.) IF you would like to know more about Johnson County, the metropolitan area, as well as law enforcement history, all branches, buy my book, "Nice Pinch." It's available in paperback and kindle, on Amazon or order from Barnes & Noble, you can learn...



numbers, the systems money and where it's needed and used are other subjects in question of the system. In the system where students are 1/3 below grade level accreditation. More on the Kansas Policy Institute, numbers from Dave Trabert: While the state and counties continue to raise our taxes each year, another question you should have. Why, when the state has a combined surplus of 4.5 billion dollars, why did our property taxes increase 25% plus, for some of us?

If you want more information, more quotes, more numbers, get the books by Dave Trabert: "Giving Kids a Fighting Chance with School Choice." Another is "What Was REALLY the Matter with the Kansas Tax Plan." Go to the web site for more. If you want to hear Trabert's interesting conversations, listen to the Pete Mundo program weekdays, Trabert is on every Tuesday morning.

On another note, I frequently give warnings of what to do to be safe, in your homes, out and about and being aware of your surroundings. Here is another piece of advice or warning IF YA will, for widows and or widowers. I know this from personal experiences of others I've been involved with, appalling, sad information, or that's been shared with me.

At a time when you are grieving for the loss of a loved one, it is not a time to make decisions on the property of that loved one unless you have the knowledge to do so or a directive from the departed. Many times, a loved one may have collectibles or other valuables BUT whatever the case IF you do not know what values are, it's not a good time to sell.

To trust a friend or even a relative to sell or dispose of said goods in some cases. You be the judge but don't kneecrerk to give or sell things away without checking. The soon to be departed spouse that has such items will do justice to the survivor to have plans shared, written, or willed. I can give examples of why this is not a good decision time: A dear friend of mine died who had a collection of guns. His wife, also a friend, asked for advice from other trusted friends of ours, who offered to liquidate the items. Not the friends I would have believed, she was given just above half the value for the goods. I was embarrassed and angry for such actions. I had another friend who had tools, again, gave them to friends to sell, she eventually got her money but I intervened, urged one of the "friends" to give her the money, after a while he did. Whatever your collectibles are, guns, sporting goods, precious metals or whatever, be sure you get advice from someone who is honest and don't go to or ask just one source. Do not be in a hurry. You can contact me IF no one else and I will try to direct you in the right direction, person or business so you do not get cheated. If you would like to learn more about Johnson County, the metro area and law enforcement history, buy my book, "Nice Pinch" available in paperback and kindle, at Amazon or order at Barnes & Noble. Ed Hayes can be contacted by email at americanpatriots@sbcglobe.com, or 913 620 0771.

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Cold Water Cleaning

John went to visit his 90 year old grandfather in a very secluded, rural area of Georgia. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, John's grandfather prepared breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast. However, John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, "Are these plates clean?" His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny!" For lunch the old man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, "Are you sure these plates are clean?" Without looking up the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!" Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town and as he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl, and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car." Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching on TV the old man shouted... "COLDWATER, GO LAY DOWN!!!!"

From Officers Down Memorial Page

24 Officers Killed in the Line of Duty This Year, 135, last year.

Here's a huge disappointment! Missouri Governor, Parson has handed Britt Reid, son of Chiefs coach, Andy Reid, prison sentence commuted. Reeves pardon for nearly killing a young girl, speeding and driving while drunk.

If you are like me, and many others, we are disappointed in the governor for this pardon as he leaves the railroaded KCMO Detective Eric DeValkenaere, in prison. In my opinion Reid should have served the entire sentence!

Some of our Gazette readers likely listen to a local FM radio talk program on KCMo, 95.7. The Pete Mundo program, from 6 to 10AM, weekdays. I listen for several reasons; one is that Mundo tells it like it is in honest points and conversation. Calls taken on both sides of issues from listeners who love to call in, to agree or disagree, with the subject matter, such as "Larry" from Prairies Village, goes on and on. Some Liberals mature, when and IF they ever grow up, not Larry, who is the poster child for liberals.

While being critical when appropriate Mundo IS very Pro Law Enforcement. One of Mondo's critical subjects (to my satisfaction) is Jackson County Prosecutor, Jean P Baker, who he says needs to go! Welp, Thank you Lord, she's gone in a few months!

He has some weekly guests such as Dave Trabert of the Kansas Policy Institute. Dave also tells it like it is. He had me the first time I heard him speak, talking about educational issues, our not so esteem governor and Kansas taxes, property taxes included.

The Kansas Policy Institute located in Wichita and Overland Park, has been in the game since founded in 1996 by George Peterson. Their goals are, "protecting freedom, we will improve everyone's quality of life, make Kansas more competitive, and attract new citizens and businesses."

This from the Kansas Policy Institute, not my words but facts and figures quoted to me by Dave Trabert and from the Institutes web site and books. Hopefully I get this right because I have to say, the facts and numbers are well above my paygrade.

To begin with, Trabert is critical of Governor whatserass, her decisions, actions and non-actions. He is critical of the Kansas education system for the same reasons. He and Mondo "thank" RINO senator Pyle AKA "GOMER" for helping the governor get elected, which GOMER denies but he did it. I'll mention my experience with "GOMER" in a future article. He's a RINO and a liar. (continues at right)

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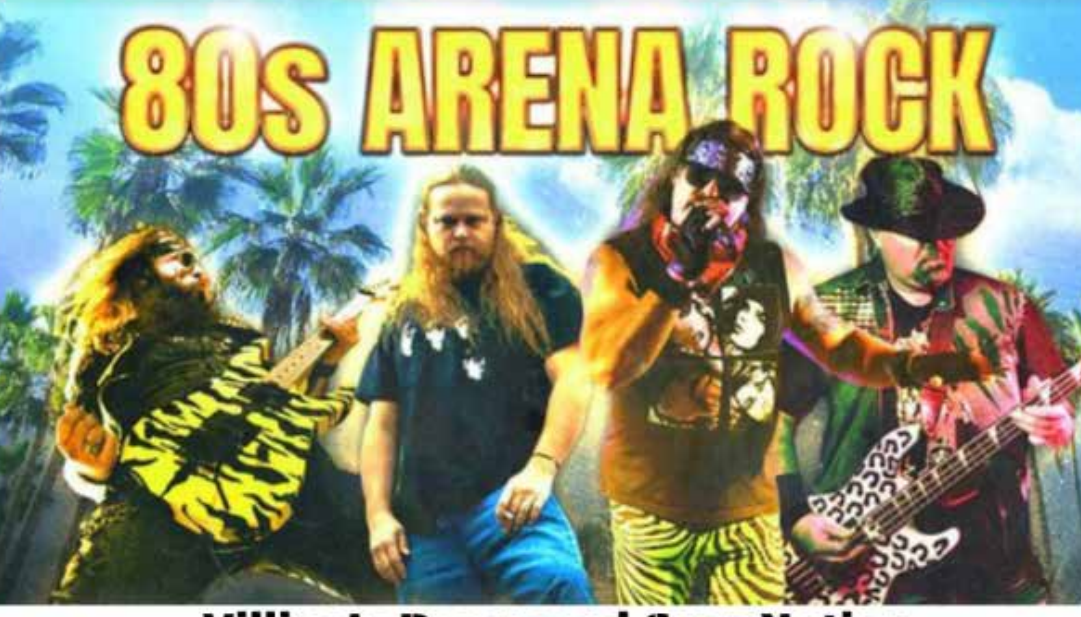
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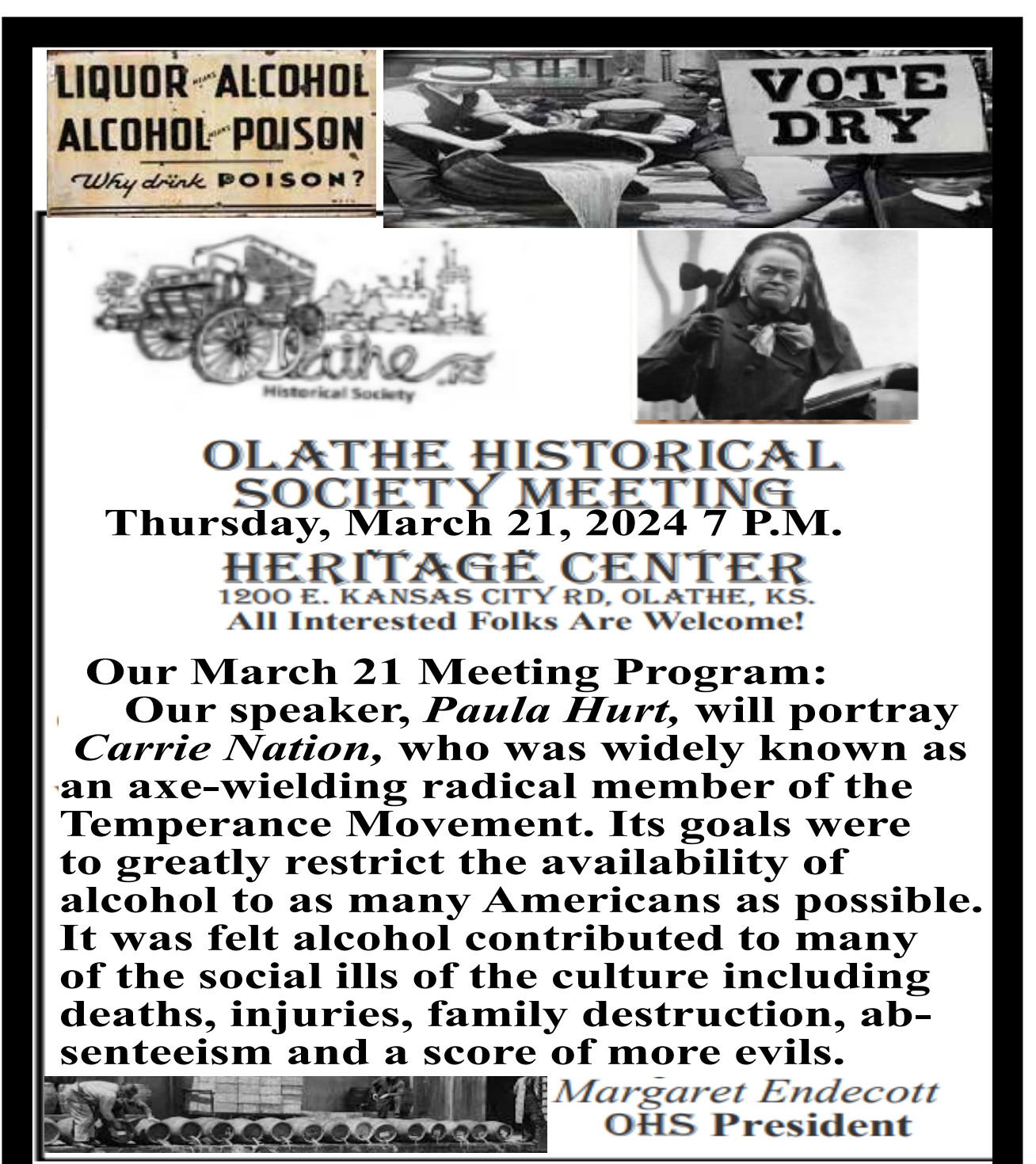


Oversteering Culprits
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you a bunch of money the next time something breaks down.

7. Savings Accounts.
 If you're like the average American, your savings account pays you virtually zero interest (typically under 0.3% a year, in my experience). But believe it or not, plenty of banks are willing to offer you 10x that rate (Barclays, for example, has an account that pays a whopping ~4%/year right now (as of the time that I'm writing this). (E.g. if you store \$100k in a 4% interest savings account today, in a year you'll have netted \$4,000 from interest alone) If you're interested, here are a few bank accounts with solid interest rates:

8. Not Securing Your Passwords.
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