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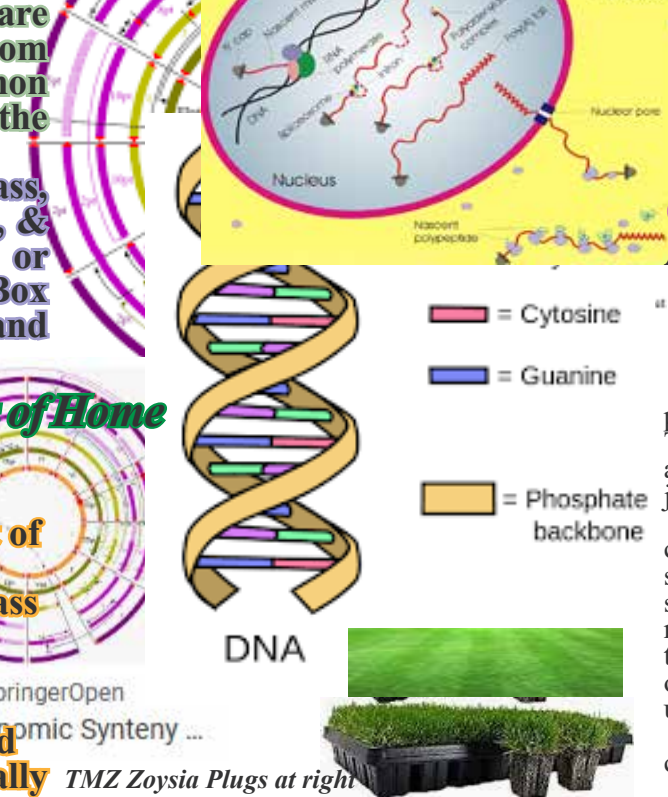
What this means is that you will have a new grass form that will be amazingly unstoppable.

With cacti genes, dandelion, and crab grass genes you will have a fast spreading, drought resistant grass that almost needs no watering and no cutting. Zoysia spreads like a weed and is actually

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TMZ

Is Here!!



Chiefs' TE Travis Kelce Appointed U.S. Senator From Kansas by Governor Kelly

by Lt. Colonel K.W. Kassen
Kansas Governor Laura Kelly appointed Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce to replace outgoing Senator Jerry Moran to become the state's junior senator.

Announced on the NFL on his podcast with his brother Jason, Travis said he'll still play for the Chiefs, a stipulation he made with the governor, but has also made it clear his duties as senator will weigh heavily in order to represent his Kansas constituents (and the Kansas City Chiefs.) He and the Governor Kelly agreed he could stay in his political leaning as a

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Ethel Buys Out Gazette

By Ethel Mae Brewer
THE SECRET IS FINALLY OUT*
I know that for some time now many of you have been expecting, yet dreading the day that Keith and Ann would retire and sell this wonderful publication.
Being the "nosey" person that I am, I decided to investigate the person or persons that would be willing to take on this beloved paper responsibilities.
First of all, they would have to come up with the financing. For some folks that would not be a problem, but the new folks buying



Ethel Mae Brewer



1971 Jaguar XKE

Patrick Mahomes To Open "Rent-A-Wreck" Car Rental In Olathe*

by Lt. Col Kenneth W. Kassen
Chiefs Superstar, Patrick Mahomes will open a new business, "Rent-a-Wreck" used car rental, geared around those folks who aren't able to afford the larger, more nationally known auto rental agencies.
As an added incentive, Mahomes advertised, "Rent a car from us for a week and I'll throw in an autographed photo of me with Travis Kelce, Taylor Swift and popular referee Carl Cheffers."
Some of the Open House Deals:
1960 Ferrari, missing right front quarter panel, broken driv-



1960 Ferrari



1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

Chris Pratt to Be Lead in "Quantrill - Kansas Terrorist"

Movie that will feature some Olathe residents*
It's been rumored for years that Warner Bros has wanted to do a full length feature film on Kansas' home-grown Civil War Era terrorist William Quantrill. This homicidal maniac attacked Olathe, Spring Hill and finally burned Lawrence to the ground, killing over 100 innocent townspeople.
Internationally known Hollywood Director Daryle F. Zanuck, Jr said, "This is a huge story of terrorism that has needed to be told for over 160 years. We wanted to use local people. We found two men who fit the roles of Sheriff and Mayor to a T."
Greg "The First Sergeant" Einspahr has been asked to try out for role of Olathe JC Sheriff, blacksmith & bar bouncer at Polly's Pleasure Palace saloon according to TMZ. "I am thrilled to be asked to be in this Quantrill movie. Tanner asked me, if I was interested and I said 'sure'. I love bouncing people out of bars. Quantrill will be played by Chris Pratt, in the script Tanner as the Mayor of Olathe and Greg as Sheriff try to convince Quantrill (Pratt) not to murder anyone and not burn down Olathe. Spoiler alert, you'll have to wait to see the movie to see, if Reverend Josiah van Wilder (Tanner) & Sheriff Dakota Crockett (Einspahr) are able to talk Quantrill out of slaughtering the captured Olatheans and US Army soldiers. Quantrill went on to Spring Hill, then Lawrence which he, no, I'll let you see the movie. It'll be a great one, for sure!
Congratulate these two men, when you see them, before they get snooty and famous.



Tanner Allenbrand, Olathe resident has contacts in Hollywood



Chris Pratt has been starring in Marvel Movies

Local Companies Introduce Alcohol Breaks Amid Non-Smoker Protests*

by Patrick Flett
Overland Park, Ks
In a move that has sparked both controversy and curiosity, several companies in Johnson County have begun implementing 15-minute alcohol breaks for their employees.
This decision comes in response to protests from non-smoking staff members who felt excluded by traditional smoke breaks.
The trend appears to have started with a few forward-thinking companies that sought to accommodate employees who neither smoke nor vape but still desired a designated break time.



Bergdorf Industries allows beer break at Bartles City, MO branch offices.

Defunct GREAT MALL to be Site of All New Amateur Auto Racing Partners-- They Have Successfully Built Amateur Tracks Like This All Over USA .. Anyone and Everyone Can Race Their Car, Whether It's a Race Car Or Just Hunk of Junk . Neighbors Are Fighting It, So Let's See What Happens.. Could Be a Source of Much Noise Pollution *..

There will be three separate tracks for different race car classes
Figure Eight Races Will Be Featured Which Are Just Demolition Derbies
Race in one of these even!
"Start your engines" has not been heard in Olathe since the police chief started cracking down on, "Cruising the 'Fe" some 20 years ago. That will be changing, starting in June when Amateur Auto Racing Partners begins improvements on the site of the former Great Mall of the Great Plains.
The 99-year lease was signed in January with the property's out-of-state owners. Recently, Amateur Auto held a press conference in the downtown library's Flex-Box Theater to promote the race course.
The track—four lanes and more than three miles in circuit—will be graded, then repaved. Proper lane and exit markings will be painted in bright neon orange, per Amateur Auto Racing regulations.
Safety buffers will be installed at curves, to minimize injury to racers in case of accident. Pit crews can set up along the former mall's main entrances. The old



Take your hunk a junk out for a chance at some real prize \$\$\$\$

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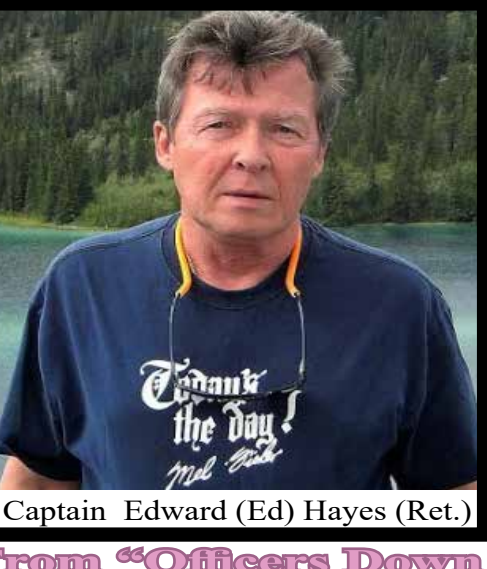
by Hailey Kasten
Recently, there has been a significant in-



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THE HAYES REPORT

By Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Captain Ed Hayes, Retired
From "Officers Down Memorial Page," 126 Dead in '23, 26 in '24 Police Officers!
Captain Edward (Ed) Hayes (Ret.)



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Rare 60's Mustangs Found in Paraguay* by Local Ford Dealer

Olathe Ford Dealer Marc McEver, has found gold at the end of the rainbow.
In a recent trip to South America sponsored by Ford Motor Company, McEver took a side trip to Asuncion, Paraguay, the capital city. He went there because as high school student, he had been an exchange student with that country.
While visiting with his host family, who now more or less rule Paraguay, McEver was told of a warehouse in a run down part of the capital city that had been locked down for over fifty years.
It turns out that Alfredo Stroessner, then President of the totalitarian regime had been as fanatic lover of Ford Motor Co., a friend of Henry Ford, Jr and especially a Mustang fanatic.
What would any lover of Mustangs do?
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Cedar Creek Art Fair: A One-day Only Pop-Up

Immersive Wonderland from Cris Walker
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.
April 27, 2024 from 12 PM to 4 PM
Rain out date is April 28, 2024 same time
Stroll the curated collection and have a chance to purchase from 100% KC local artists, be a part of a hands-on workshop, and watch performances on the main stage all under the beautiful backdrop of Shadow Lake at Cedar Creek. Kids also
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By Janine Clark-Barry, B.S. Forestry
The Fun Forester

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Melanie Peterson

Melanie has worked at the Hair Shop 25+ years being an assistant manager 20 of those years. I have attended a variety of seminars events & hands-on classes to strengthen my career. My hours are Tues thru Friday. Come see me!

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Melanie Peterson

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Note: "Ann & I visited Lecompton recently and were very impressed with the entire facilities there. The docents Paul, Tim, Cynthia & others are outstanding & very very Kansas friendly souls. A great day trip!" KEJ

From The Publisher

Community Information by Keith E. Johnson

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From The Publisher

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

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

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

A Mexican ice cream truck caused a crowd of Moms & Kids to cluster around it. (Spring Break) I, of course, slowed, but almost not slow enough as a stupid, unsupervised kid owned by a stupid, unsupervised Mom dashed out in front of me from behind the ice cream truck.

It would have been unavoidable, but I, thanks be to our God, was going quite slowly. I hit the brakes, rolled down my window, yelled at the close behind Mom and said, "You almost lost a child, Mom!" These hazard causing vehicles should be banned for this very reason.

Kids will be kids and will dash out across a parking lot with no warning. I was so shook up I couldn't think. I told Ken, who was inside delivering and we went back to the scene of the 'almost manslaughter' and I yelled at the Mexican in Spanish to "Move Away from Here. Somebody is gonna get killed here!"

One Mom thanked me for intervening. I wish one of Olathe's finest had been there.

I don't know if it's illegal to do what the Mexican (or Hispanic) was doing, but it should be. ** If you're old enough to travel, spend some of your hard-earned savings, you can help the Gazette by showing up Wed., April 3 at one of three places, two are in Johnson County.

One is in Lee's Summit. Two are in Johnson County 11:30 AM at east Olathe Library and one in Overland Park at 1:30 PM

See Sunrise Travel ad on page 11, for friendly, no pressure, complementary travel seminar by some great people who have supported the Gazette for years.

Please attend this event, if you have any interest in travel at all. They ask you to RSVP that you are coming so they can plan for refreshments. Ann and I are gonna go to the one at the Olathe east library at 11:30. They will be telling about all the tours they have scheduled for 2024-2025. Hope to see you there. If you see us, come over and say "Hi"! Again, this is not a high pressure, twist your arm kind of deal. I have been before and that is not what these seminars are. KEJ

** Congratulations to one of many persons all-time favorite person Carlotta Belcher, 90. She amazed many when she quite smoking after 48 years. She donated thousands upon thousands of hours to three generations of children at our Olathe Public Libraries. We love you, Carlotta!!

Care Prayer Concern

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

Our Next Three Issues

We operate on advertising dollars. We will print on April 26, 2024. The deadlines are one week prior, so any ad for the next issue, would have to be at our office by April 22.

Future issues are April 26, May 24, June 28

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

From The Publisher

We had a 3.5 tremor on Richter scale March 15, just east of KCI near Ferrelview, Mo. Never ever heard of a quake here in 77 years. ** Seniors!!

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

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"What will it be, Smut, Violence, Death, or should we not watch the news?"  
(Why I don't have a television anymore)

### THINGS MOM USED TO SAY

What part of NO don't you understand?  
I don't care who started it!  
Money doesn't grow on trees.  
Your face will stay like that!  
Your hands are not broken.  
Beds are for sleeping, not jumping on.  
No pudding until you finish your dinner.  
Don't sit so close to the TV, you'll get square eyes.  
No one said life is fair.  
Eat your vegetables.  
Carrots help you see in the dark.  
I don't know is not an answer.  
Because I said so, that's why!  
You'll take someone's eye out with that.  
Don't get smart with me.  
If someone told you to jump off a cliff would you?  
Say pardon not 'what'.  
Who's 'she' the cats mother.  
I'll end in tears.  
Back in my day  
Close the door, were you born in a field.  
I want, never gets.  
Do what I say, not what I do.

#### Why Men Are Happier

(serialized 4-1-24 DA)

- Your last name stays put.
- The garage is all yours.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Chocolate is just another snack.
- You can be President.
- You can never be pregnant.
- You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. Actually, You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.
- Same work, more pay.
- Wrinkles add character.
- Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.
- New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
- One mood all the time.

Thought For The Day - The only person you can truly rely on is yourself. Isn't that a nightmare!  
Jerry Walter

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85% of all radio listeners are in their cars \*\* Princess Kate, 42, of England may have cancer fight on her hand\* UPS store saved scammed woman \$44,000 by questioning her on why she was sending that cash to phony government agency. Old people, wise up. I'm old, too! Think people, don't be stupid. Don't answer your phone, if you do not know the caller \*\* Mattel to build Barbie, Hot Wheels, Thomas the Tank-Wagon theme park near Bonner Springs, not an April Fools story \*\* Hello to former Olathe Councilman Bill Trout (8 years of service) is a building inspector now. \*\* Thanks to Robert Helms of Dale's Tow for bailing us out when the old Ford Escape went down. He loves hunting Grizzly bears and wolves in Alaska\*\* New Ks law outlaws verbal and physical assaults (bumps etc) of any umpire, referee, bus driver, \$\$\$ fines, even jail time Keep your damn mouth shut, idiots!! \*\*

#### From The Publisher

\*Yes this is our annual, ever popular April Fools' issue. Any front page article with an asterisk (\*) somewhere in the headline is an April Fools story. I give thanks to our staff contributors, Colonel Kenneth W. Kasen, Don Bowman, Hailey Kasten, Patrick Flett and a few others we did not have room for.

If your feelings were hurt, we apologize for that. We have done this issue for over 40 years and it always brings a lot of comments.

We had a piece saying that the writer had spotted the Loch Ness Monster in Olathe some 35 years ago, and, for sure, we had several, perhaps crank calls, saying that they too had Nessie.

Perhaps, they had been sipping too much of Nessie's Scotch. Thanks for allowing us to be crazy at least once a year. \*\*The Baltimore Francis Scott Key bridge disaster was so completely preventable. Where were the tug boats, why were there not lily pad type giant bollards built to divert all ships. More and More Incompetence.

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My buddy said dating in your 50s is like looking for a parking spot. The good ones are taken and the rest are either handicapped or are just too far away.

STUDIES SHOW THE MOST EXPENSIVE VEHICLE TO OPERATE IS A COSTCO SHOPPING CART!

I'm not the easiest guy in the world to get along with. So when our anniversary rolled around, I wanted my wife to know how much I appreciated her tolerating me for the past 40 years. I ordered flowers and told the florist to enclose a card that read, "Thanks for putting up with me so long."

When my wife got the delivery, she called me at work.  
"Just where do you think you're going?" she asked.  
"What do you mean?" I said.  
She read the card aloud as the florist had written it: "Thanks for putting up with me. So long."

Don't Fight in a Road Rage  
Call 911 immediately, stay in your car, get license numbers, witnesses license numbers. Stay in car. Rest assured prosecution rates are high for this crime, we hope.

### NEW CELL PHONE FOR PEOPLE OVER FIFTY!

Just ignore reality. There's nothing you can do about it anyway.  
Jerry Walter

The largest air force in the world is the US Air Force, the second largest is the US Navy.



Charlotte O'Hara Gives Views on Matters in Johnson County



Johnson County District Three Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara

The Johnson County Commission Wars

Another action packed 2 weeks at the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners...

to oust the Sheriff, the DA and yours truly. Ah, his love of diversity is showing in its full glory!!!!

Meanwhile back working for the good folks of Johnson County, Commissioner Fast, a Democrat, and myself, a Republican, are working TOGETHER on tying up the loose ends of the 35-acre abandoned Kuhlman property at 164th and Mission.

The Kansas City Star and the Johnson County Post have both run excellent articles on this 30-year kid magnet and environmental blight which now is on the cusp of becoming a diamond in our park system.

However, a funny thing happened on the way to this happy ending: sustainability environmentalist, Chairman Mike Kelly, blocked the use of COVID funds to help defray development costs.

So king of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Chairman Kelly, has created a PAC specifically to oust Republicans and as the savior of the world environmentalist, he blocked the restoration and reclamation of 35 acres for a park.

Methinks he dost protest too much.

EDUCATION

Advertisement for 'EDUCATION' featuring a cartoon of a dog at a school desk and a photo of Earl A. Martin, Ed.D.

Dr Martin's column will return 4/26

GAZETTE

Cartoon titled 'MOM, THIS IS NOT FUNNY!' showing a dog looking at an eye pad and a microwave.

The cat owns the house. That's why the word 'HOMEOWNER' has 'MEOW' in it.

Olathe HEALTH advertisement featuring a photo of an elderly couple and text about healthcare services.

Letters to the editor

Trump's 'Lack of Decorum, Dignity, and Statesmanship'

My Leftist friends (as well as many ardent #NeverTrumpers) constantly ask me if I'm not bothered by Donald Trump's lack of decorum.

Here's my answer: We Right-thinking people have tried dignity. There could not have been a man of more quiet dignity than George W. Bush.

We tried statesmanship - could there be another human being on this earth who so desperately prized "collegiality" as John McCain?

We tried propriety - has there been a nicer human being ever than Mitt Romney And the results were always the same.

This is because, while we were playing by the rules of dignity, collegiality and propriety, the Left has been, for the past 60 years, engaged in a knife fight where the only rules are those of Saul Alinsky and the Chicago mob.

I don't see anything "statesman-like" in weaponizing the IRS to be used to destroy your political opponents and

any dissent. Yes, Obama was "articulate" and "polished" but in no way was he in the least bit "dignified," "collegial" or "proper."

The Left has been engaged in a war against America since the rise of the Children of the '60s. To them, it has been an all-out war where nothing is held sacred and nothing is seen as beyond the pale.

With Donald Trump, this all has come to an end. Donald Trump is America's first wartime president in the Culture War.

Had Abraham Lincoln applied the peacetime rules of propriety and boot-ed Grant, the Democrats might well still be holding their slaves today.

General George Patton was a vulgar-talking. In peacetime, this might have seen him stripped of rank.

That book is Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals - a book so essential to the

Trump is fighting. And what's particularly delicious is that, like Patton standing over the battlefield as his tanks obliterated Rommel's, he's shouting, "You magnificent bastards, I read your book!"

That is just the icing on the cake, but it's wonderful to see that not only is Trump fighting, he's defeating the Left using their own tactics.

Liberals' war against America that it is and was the playbook for the entire Obama administration and the subject of Hillary Clinton's senior thesis.

It is a book of such pure evil, that just as the rest of us would dedicate our book to those we most love or those to whom we are most indebted Alinsky dedicated his book to Lucifer.

Trump's tweets may seem rash and unconsidered but, in reality, he is doing exactly what Alinsky suggested his followers do.

Then, just as Alinsky suggests, he employs ridicule which Alinsky described as "the most powerful weapon of all."

This leaves them with only two choices. They can either "go high" (as Hillary would disingenuously declare of herself and the fake news would disingenuously report as the truth) and begin to honestly and accurately report the news or they can double-down on their usual tactics and hope to defeat Trump with twice their usual hysteria and demagoguery.

It is nothing but the incessant use of fake news (read: propaganda) that keeps the Left alive.

Imagine if they had honestly and accurately conveyed the evils of the Obama administration's weaponizing of the IRS to be used against their political opponents or his running of guns to the Mexican cartels or the

truth about the murder of Ambassador Christopher Stevens and the Obama administration's cover-up.

So, to my friends on the Left - and the #NeverTrumpers as well - do I wish we lived in a time when our president could be "collegial" and "dignified" and "proper"? Of course I do.

These aren't those times. This is war. And it's a war that the Left has been fighting without opposition for the past 50 years.

So, say anything you want about this president - I get it - he can be vulgar, he can be crude, he can be undignified at times. I don't care. I can't spare this man. He fights for America!



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### Whispers of Hope by RJ Thesman



Although this is the annual April Fool's edition of the Gazette, there is really nothing funny about being a single mom. However, it is important that we teach our children how to look for the humor in life. Keeping a positive outlook helps our children focus on something good that God might be doing. One of the ways we can teach humor is to buy a joke book with appropriate jokes for the ages of our kids. Reading a joke each day can help all of us laugh and exercise those positive endorphins. Young children like to tell jokes that are sometimes funny and sometimes just silly. But if we encourage our children to keep telling jokes and if we laugh at the appropriate time, we validate their voice. Who knows? Someday, your child might become a famous comedian. Another way I encouraged laughter was through what we watched on TV. The old reruns of 'I Love Lucy' and the 'Carol Burnett Show' were favorites. My son can still imitate some of those sketches, and we both laugh. So keep a positive spin on life. Nurture the humor around your home and encourage your children to share what makes them laugh. You'll all be healthier for it. 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>

### The Pastor Had A Kitten.....

from Applebaugh



The pastor had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "bowing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business. A few days later he was at the grocery store and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?" She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes: A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her." Moral of the story: Never underestimate the power of God and His unique sense of humor.

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

On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpeting. All wishing to do something on the carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door. A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David,

### Cedar Creek Art Fair

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will have a chance to create something in the kids zone, learn from a performing artist, get popcorn and cotton candy, and enjoy the inflatable course. Tickets are \$8 per child and \$15 per adult and includes all activities and one complimentary drink. Additional food and drink will be available for purchase. Our drink sponsor and provider is Tall Trellis Brew Co. We believe in the power of art and connecting with our neighbors in Cedar Creek as well as the greater Johnson County community to spark joy, connectivity, conversations, and cultivate an atmosphere of creativity. This event is not just about showcasing local fine arts and gifts, but also about celebrating the diverse talents that make our community thrive. Here are just a few of the Cedar Creek Resident Artists, Olathe, Overland Park, and Kansas City artists: Ann Modrcin, Barry Osborn, Cristina Walker, Donald Osborn, Karen Baruth, Kyle Selley, Lovespac3, Nancy Scheer, Natalie Hunsaker, Madeleine Pettes and much more. Live stage performances include theatrical performances, dance and tumbling acts, ensemble choir, live art demonstration, and acoustical performances including:

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### RANDOM THOUGHTS.....

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I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, smoking too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That is my idea of a perfect day.  
I know what Victoria's Secret is. The secret is that nobody older than 30 can fit into their stuff.  
"If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a noose around your neck?"

- ### 10 Things God wants you to remember
- I will give you rest.
  - I will strengthen you.
  - I will answer you.
  - I believe in you.
  - I will bless you.
  - I am for you.
  - I will not fail you.
  - I will provide for you.
  - I will be with you
  - I love you.

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



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



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Wife: Why in the world did you buy 6 cartons of milk?  
Husband: "They had eggs"

### Patrick's Rent-A-Wreck

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er side door opener. \$25.00 per day.  
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1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, has no engine but looks nice in the driveway- will tow and pickup. \$35.00 per day.  
\*1934 Ford V-8, used by Bonnie & Clyde, bullet holes included. new 3 cylinder engine. \$30.00 per day.  
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Above Bonnie & Clyde's '34 Ford complete with bullet holes \*renter must make \$10,000 donation to Famous Cars from the 20th Century Museum in Oposomsquat, Arkansas Below 1980 Yugo with 558,000 miles



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Ethel Buys Out Body

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the paper found that it was not as easy as buying property, yet, they were able to obtain the necessary financing.

Next, they would have to be pretty computer literate. That was definitely a major issue, since they had problems even with their e-mails.

Fortunately, they have obtained a 5th grader to give them private lessons on the computer three nights a week.

The next major hurdle to master was to convince the current staff to stay on, so it would be as effective as it has always been.

Ken Kassen, my daughter's adorable father-in-law; Luke and Adrienne Morgan, and Dave Highfill would have to promise also to stay on until we had the hang of it.

Yes, Terry and I were the ones to take over the paper until...The financing said, "Forget it." If that crazy lady on the front page is going to leave her article there, we are not even going to consider giving them the money.

Also, the staff would not commit to staying on until we were thoroughly trained. Keith said that he would be close to 100 years of age by that time and patience was not one of his best attributes, the older he gets.

By now you know that we are not even considering buying the paper or anything else!

Have a fun April Fools Day!!!!!!

Who's That Tip-Tapping?

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crease in a previously unheard-of problem. It is in everyone's best interest to read this article for important information on this new matter.

It has been brought to our attention that quite a few citizens of Johnson County have encountered a strange phenomenon on and near bridges in the local area.

In one such case, a man (who wishes to remain anonymous) reported, "I have crossed many bridges in my lifetime, and not once have I had this happen. I was walking down the sidewalk and across a short bridge when I heard a voice call out to me.

I stopped and looked around for the source of the voice, but I found none. I continued on my way, thinking nothing of it." He continued, "That is until about a week after the first incident when I crossed another bridge - a different one this time - and heard a similar sounding voice!

Similar accounts have been made by other locals, such as this young woman who, upon crossing a different bridge than either that the gentleman encountered, heard a deep voice talking beneath her feet.

Instead of replying, she quickly continued on her way, unsure of to whom the voice belonged. We are lucky that these brave citizens were willing to share their encounters with the proper authorities so that this problem can be resolved as quickly and easily as possible.

These are only two examples from half a dozen reports, so it would seem that this issue is quickly escalating, and the public is becoming increasingly frantic for a solution.

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with the location. "I love the overlook where we can see the Legends," owner Hunt swooned.

Amateur Auto Racing

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Burlington Coat Factory building will be converted into a gift shop and Amateur Auto Racing museum.

Amateur Racing founder and CEO Harold "Hap" Hazzard expressed optimism during the press conference.

Each racer registers on the Amateur Racing secure website. Then two racers pick a date, time, fill out the entry form, and post the fee.

"All you do from then on is show up on race day," Mr. Hazzard said. "And it's not just for fancy sports cars, either—Ferraris, Corvettes, Vipers. Nope."

Then he added, as an afterthought, "You know—there are plenty of grandpas my age who have a hankerin' to see just how fast the old Buick can go."

Although the renovation start date has not yet been set, Mr. Hazzard is confident that work will begin sometime this summer.

"See you all at the races," he said with a grin and a tip of the Stetson.

Alcohol on Work Breaks (Continued from Page 1)

Recognizing the need for inclusivity in the workplace, these companies decided to offer an alternative break option: a brief period in which employees can enjoy a drink of their choice.

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60's Mustangs Found

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He ordered nearly 100 1965, '66 & '67 Mustangs to be delivered to his country for the use by his staff, generals, and other officials.

While in Paraguay, McEver asked about the legendary warehouse and was taken there. He sent word back home to send two of his best mechanics down to Asuncion, Paraguay immediately.

After they assessed the cars, aside from items like rubber tires, fluid levels, rubber hoses, belts, hoses which can all be fixed, he acted.

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Note: "I had a gorgeous, much-loved, maroon 1967 Mustang fastback which I bought in March 1968 for \$2,500 and stupidly let it go a few years later. I could kick myself silly for being so dumb," said Gazette Publisher Keith E. Johnson.

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Not everyone is on board with the idea however. Critics express concerns about the potential for increased alcohol consumption and its impact on productivity and workplace safety.

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AH Farms advertisement for premium quality beef, including contact information for Andrea Stark at AH Farms Meat Shop.

Advertisement for roundabouts with the headline "WHY DO THEY KEEP INSTALLING ROUNDABOUTS" and "MOST PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN DRIVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE".

TMZ Zoysia Grass

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Jerry Walter

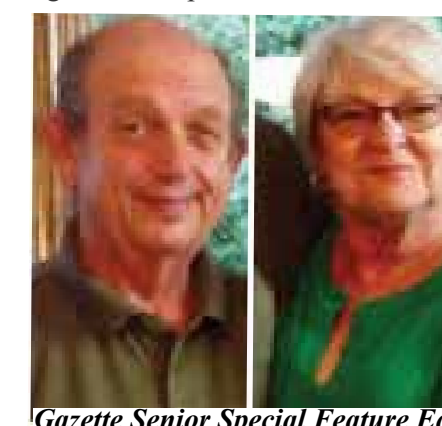
There was a new family that had just moved into town. Their son came to Sunday School but seemed upset.

IT'S WAR (Continued from Page 1)

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Gazette Senior Special Feature Editor Don Bowman, his lovely wife, Gloria, & daughter have been Olathe residents for 40 years.

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A police officer stops a young woman for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.

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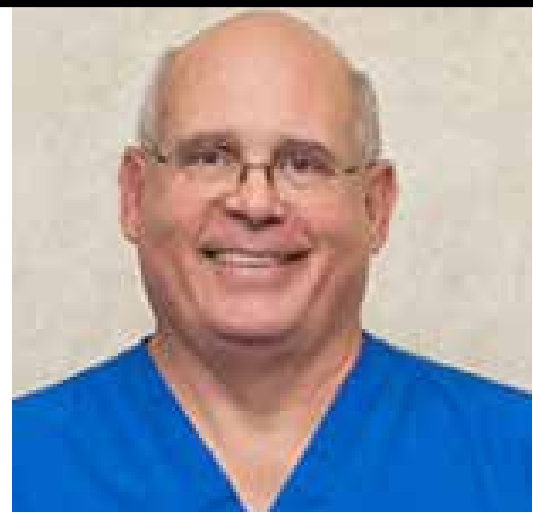
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A woman saw an ad in the local newspaper which read: "Purebred Police Dog \$25." Thinking that it to be a great bargain, she called and ordered the dog to be delivered. The next day a van arrived at her home and delivered the mangiest-looking mongrel she had ever seen. In a rage, she telephoned the man who had placed the ad, "How dare you call that mangy-mutt a purebred police dog?" "Don't let his looks deceive you, ma'am," the man replied, "He's in the Secret Service."

A man and wife were both in an Internet Business, but it was the husband who truly lived, ate and breathed computers. His wife finally realized how bad it gotten when one day she was scratching his back, and he said "No, not there. Scroll down a little."

Better Together, West Haven Baptist Church to host community job and resource fair May 2 in Tonganoxie

TONGANOXIE, Kan. (March 25, 2024) - Better Together is partnering with West Haven Baptist Church to host a community job and resource fair for Tonganoxie-area residents on Thursday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is now open for hiring employers and job seekers to participate in the May event. The church-based job fairs not only connect job seekers with local employers who are ready to hire, but also provide resources to facilitate stronger connections and more hires. Free one-on-one job coaching sessions are available to job seekers to review resumes and interviewing skills, and additional services will be available onsite. Better Together's community job fairs have helped 42,000 applicants connect with employment opportunities across 22 states. At job fairs hosted by Better Together, two-thirds of attendees get a job interview, and 1 in 4 receive a job offer on the spot. Some 70% find work within six weeks. The May 2 job fair will take place at West Haven Baptist Church, located at 1000 West St. in Tonganoxie. Job seekers and hiring employers can register at [BetterTogetherUS.org/Events/Tonganoxie-JF](http://BetterTogetherUS.org/Events/Tonganoxie-JF) or by texting "JOBS" to 844-987-3949.

**12 Observations made by Seniors**  
 from Dale Applebaugh, Gazette Humorist

- It's okay to talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
- "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
- You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
- Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- "On time" is when you get there.
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- Growing old should have taken longer.
- Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.
- And one more: "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Thought For The Day - If I was meant to be controlled, I would have come with a remote  
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**Gazette Sports Glances**  
by Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports  
Anjali Hocker Singh will lead a very talented Olathe North track team this season. With several key returnees look for the Eagles to contend for another Sunflower league title and qualify a bunch for the state 6A meet.

**Spring Hill Track Teams Begin Season At Baldwin Invitational**

By Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports  
After nearly a month of preparation, the Spring Hill boys and girls track teams begin the season at the Baldwin Invitational this week.

Sixty two boys and 56 girls began practice Feb. 26 and Coach Brent Smitheran expressed optimism about the season.

"Practices have been going great and we look forward to a successful season," he said. We are trying to overcome some off season injuries and get a good group to the starting line."

Smitheran will look to 5 returning seniors for leadership. Included are Michael Anderson, pole vault and hurdles, Cooper D' Albini, jumps and throws, Jack Gisel, sprints, Carter Meek, throws and Ryland O'Hanlon, pole vault.

Providing pivotal points will be juniors Logan Beckman, Calen George, distance, Cody Hockett, hurdles, Jack Janovick, distance, Seth Oberkrom, jumps and sprints, Jake Rainforth, jumps and sprints, Skyler Smitheran, sprints and Jackson Torrez, sprints and throws and Walker Roberts, distance.

Sophomore distance runners Zack Anderson and Dylan Estes have shown promise.

"On the girls side, first year head coach Heath Ostmeier has witnessed an excellent attitude in pre season practices.

"Everyone is working hard daily and we are excited about the young talent," he said. That will lead to a successful year of improvement and development of incoming talent."

Ostmeier has a trio of distance runners led by senior Marissa January , junior Margo Todd and sophomore Sophie Rivers.

Senior Avery Feeback will provide points in the throwing events.

**Mahomes, Rice Honored at NFL Award Ceremony**

Patrick Mahomes and Rashee Rice received awards at the 51st Annual NFL Awards ceremony March 22 at Loews of KC Crown Center hotel.

Mahomes, who threw for 4,183 yards and 27 TD'S won the Chiefs MVP while Rice earned the Mack Lee Hill Chiefs Rookie of the Year.

Other NFL awards were  
AFC Coach of Year-DeMeco Ryans-Houston Texans  
NFC Coach of Year-Sean Deshaun Spencer-Campbell-Detroit Lions

AFC Offensive Player of Year-LaMar Jackson-Baltimore Ravens  
AFC Defensive Player of Year-JJ Watts  
NFC Offensive Player of Year-Christian McCaffrey-San Francisco 49 ers  
NFC Defensive Player of Year-Mica Parsons-Dallas Texans

*Hello, Our boys' head coach just sent me your email. He said you were looking for an early season update on our team. This is my first year as the head coach for the girls' team.*

*We have 56 girls out for track. It is a good group!*

*Some returners to look out for are senior Marisa January and sophomore Sophie Rivers in the distance races as well as junior Margo Todd and senior Avery Feeback in the throws.*

*We just had our first JV meet at BYSW. It went well. We are excited about some of the young talent! The first varsity meet is next Thursday at Baldwin.*

*Our goals are to work hard and support each other every day. That will lead to a successful year of improving as athletes and developing the incoming talent.*

*I appreciate you working to put a spotlight on some of our kids! Please let me know if you have any questions!*

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**Numbers Speak Well For Olathe North Track Teams**  
By Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports

The Olathe North track teams will have numbers on their side when the track season unfolds this week.

Head Coach Levi Huseman welcomed 185 kids for practice Feb. 26 and has witnessed an excellent team attitude."

"We're super excited to get going," Coach Huseman said. We have a bunch of veterans with big goals and some youngsters that will contribute."

Leading the list of returnees will be Anjali Hocker Singh. Others include Ian Quarles and Elena Ginie in the vault and Chloe Nelson, Hannah Jensen and Cole Smithers in the jumps.

Providing throwing event points will be Mackenzie Batten and Elena Martinez. On the track look for Joe Quelletto, Raegan Foster to be key contributors. Luke Sorrels and Brenden Nguyen have shown promise in pre season.

"Our goal is to get better daily and be very competitive in the post season," said Huseman.

Time will tell but the effort will certainly be there."

**All State Boys Basketball Teams Released By 'Sports In Kansas'**

Sports In Kansas recently released its 2024 All-State boys basketball teams. Voting was done by media members across the state. Several Gazette area players appear on teams below.

Congratulations on a great season!

- 6-4 All-state Boys First Team  
Micah Deaver-Olathe East, Sr.  
Jaalan Watson-Olathe North 2nd Team  
Nic Anderson-Olathe South, Jr  
Honorable Mention  
Brady Collar-Olathe West  
Matthew Corrales-Olathe South  
JJ Lee-Olathe Northwest  
Madut Bol-Olathe West;  
Jackson Collins-Olathe West  
Aiden Bruce-Olathe North  
Colton Hawkinson-GEHS  
Sherron Woodberry-Olathe West  
Gavin Popik-Olathe NW  
Colton Nichols-Olathe West;  
5A All State boys team  
First team  
David Cobin-Desoto-Honorable Mention;  
Jayden Lang-Desoto  
Chase Bond-Spring Hill  
4A All state boys  
First team  
Logan Sullivan-Eudora  
Cooper Carr-Baldwin  
2nd Team  
Nathan Parker-Louisburg  
Honorable Mention  
Joey Ziembicki-Baldwin  
Erol Siemen-Eudora  
3A All State  
First team  
Willie Dorsey-Wellsville, Sr  
2ND Team  
Dez Winton - Wellsville  
Honorable Mention  
Biruk Dietz-Heritage Christian Academy of Olathe  
Calvin Dwyer-Wellsville  
Kevon Gillins-Wellsville



The Gazette's roving "man on the street" camera caught up with 13 year US Navy veteran, former Radioman 2nd Class (E-5), while shopping. Blanton served during the Gulf War on the destroyer USS Oldendorf, ports of call included Yakuska, Japan; Singapore; Manila, Philippines; Bangkok, Thailand; Australia. The Navy vet was born in Richland, WA, currently works at Walgreens in town.

**Talented Olathe South Track Teams To Begin Season**

By Dave Highfill, Gazette Sports

With 27 seniors on the roster Olathe South Head Track coach Nathan Harrison has reason for optimism about the 2024 season.

Harrison welcomed 186 kids for the first day of practice and has witnessed an excellent attitude in pre-season training.

"It will be a lot of fun to see this group grow," said Harrison, who teaches Physical Education at South. This is going to be an exciting year."

Top returnees in the field events include throwers Peter Mac Swaney, Jeremy Gracia, Courtney Talcott and Jessie Mead and jumper Leslie and Jasmine Pippin in the jumping events.

On the track top returnees are distance runners Dylan Plath, Connor Dougherty, Ani Allen and Amy Gofredson.

Look for Cooper Warren to excel in the sprints.  
"We always have a tough schedule with the KU Relays, SMN North Relays, SMS Relays, Sunflower league and the areas toughest regional, said Harrison. We have an incredible group of seniors and lots of opportunities for the underclassmen."



Anjali wins still another great race

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

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


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

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


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

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

*Spring has Sprung! Happy Easter 2024! Good bye Winter!* It's been quite a change from what we usually think of winter with snow and ice and sub-zero temperatures! Yes, we had some of that, but it didn't last long. As I am writing this on the first day of Spring, my lawn is getting mowed, don't recall lawn mowing in mid-March before! And this year of 2024 the last day of March is the day we celebrate Easter! Easter is one of those holiday dates that changes from year to year.

The dates that Easter can occur are between March 22nd and April 25th. It's time to get a plan together to gather with our family and decide who is hosting the gathering this year and who is bringing which food item! Will it be brunch or lunch or dinner? Ham is first and foremost, along with cheesy potatoes as my boys call the potato casserole. Vegetables can vary, a lot of what we see this time of year is asparagus.

As I've been looking thru different ideas for Easter menu, I see a lot of images of carrots. That took me to think about carrot cake, so I looked in a lot of cookbooks for carrot cake recipes. I don't remember the last time I made a carrot cake! We do have one recipe for Carrot Cake in "At Your Service" cookbook, page 152. That is a long, one page recipe, and that would take up most of my space for this column!

So, I kept looking for a shorter version. There are all kinds out there, some with crushed pineapple, raisins and nuts. How about a carrot cake made with a can of tomato soup? I finally found a recipe in a 1980 cookbook from the Junior League of Kansas City, Kansas. I'll share that one this week! Now, back to what I always make at Easter that has become tradition from my growing up years. Save the skins from yellow onions all year to use when boiling eggs at Easter.

They turn out brown in color! Then there are cupcakes with green dyed coconut on top of the frosting, top it off with jelly beans! Sticky buns are always a request for each holiday and I do have some baking pans that are egg shaped and add the Easter sprinkles to those. Back to Easter dining delights, go to the store and purchase the easy to bake ham with glaze packet included, make cheesy potato casserole, green vegetables, deviled eggs, and dessert!

There are many good recipes in "At Your Service" for egg casseroles, many of which can be made the day before and baked in the morning. It's time to make *Chris Belden's Sugared Bacon* again, page 233 in "At Your Service" cookbook! Happy Easter all!

**Hash Brown Casserole**

- 2 lb. thawed hash browns
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 3 Tbsp. chopped onions
  - 1 pt. sour cream
  - 1/2 c. melted oleo
  - 1/2 tsp. pepper
  - 1 can cream of chicken soup
  - 1 can cream of celery soup
  - 1 1/2 c. grated cheese
- Mix ingredients together and place in a greased 9x13" pan. Top with 2 cups corn flakes, crushed and mixed with 1/4 c. melted oleo. Bake at 350 degrees.

**Beverly Wittenborn**

**Spring Vegetable Pie**

- 6 eggs
  - 1 1/2 c. milk
  - 1 c. shredded Swiss cheese
  - 3/4 pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
  - 1 pkg. Knorr Spring Vegetable Mix
  - 1 (9 inch) frozen deep dish pie crust
- Preheat oven and baking sheet to 350 degrees. In large bowl, with wire whisk, beat eggs lightly. Blend in milk, cheese, spinach, and recipe mix. Pour into frozen pie crust. Bake on baking sheet 50 minutes or until a knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean.

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**Old Fashioned Deviled Eggs**

- To make hard-boiled eggs that are easy to peel, use a push pin or thumbtack to poke a hole in the large end of each egg. Bring pot of water to rolling boil. Lower eggs gently into the water and continue boiling for 15 minutes. Prepare an ice water bath and transfer eggs to that. Let them cool completely, then peel.
- 6 hard cooked eggs
  - 2 Tbsp. mayonnaise
  - 1 tsp. vinegar
  - 1 tsp. yellow mustard
  - 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. salt
  - Dash of pepper
- Slice eggs in halves lengthwise and remove yolks; set whites aside. Mash yolks with a fork in a small bowl. Stir in mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper; mix well. Stuff each egg with yolk mixture into egg whites. Refrigerate until serving.

**Terri Jarboe**

**Carrot Cake**

- 3 c. flour
  - 2 1/2 c. sugar
  - 2 tsp. baking powder
  - 2 tsp. cinnamon
  - 1 tsp. baking soda
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 1 1/2 c. vegetable oil
  - 2 generous cups grated carrots
  - 1 generous cup crushed pineapple and juice
  - 3 eggs
  - 2 tsp. vanilla
  - 1 c. chopped walnuts
- In a large mixing bowl, mix together all ingredients except nuts. Fold in nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 9x13" pan and bake 50 to 60 minutes. Cool and frost with Cream Cheese frosting.
- Cream Cheese Frosting**
- 1, 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
  - 1/4 c. light corn syrup
  - 5 c. sifted powder sugar
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
- Allow cream cheese to soften to room temperature. In a large mixing bowl, blend cheese with corn syrup. Add powdered sugar, 1 cup at a time, mixing well. Add vanilla and spread on cake.

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This is one of the best quotes I have ever heard and strongly stand behind it. Jay Witt



IT WAS A REAL SLUGFEST

A Gazette Feature Column:

Toward Being a Deputy Sheriff

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

Ed Hayes (Continued from Page 1)

BROWN RECLUSE SPIDERS

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From Officers Down Memorial Page

26 Officers Killed in the Line of Duty This Year, 126 last year, many injured

Last time my article mentioned the Kansas Policy Institute in Overland Park and Topeka. It seems that I forgot the KPI web site address, sorry about that, so go there for much more information about taxes, education, limited Kansas Government, and the grading of education, and "where to go to get more information" so here it is: kansaspolicy.org. To listen to KCMO, Pete Mondo, tune in to 95.7 FM.

So here we go again folks, election time and the Election of your Sheriff is an important issue, more so than most think. What's the purpose of the Sheriff,

I'm sometimes asked. What does he do? What's the big deal, we have city police, don't we? That is the mentality for the most part of a citizen who has never had to deal with the police or maybe they have, but any experience has its limits. It's like the crime victim, until that victim, or that persons loved one is the victim of a crime, they do not care.

For starters, sheriffs are elected officials, the Sheriff IS the chief of law enforcement of a county and the highest law enforcement authority of the county and the land. Politicians in high places would like to abolish the office of sheriff for that reason.

Historically the office goes back to the 9th century in England which makes the sheriff the oldest continuing, non-military, law enforcement officer. The Sheriff is either elected or appointed and from experience, we know how appointments turn out.

In the United States today there are 3,006 counties, nearly every one of them has a sheriff. There are only two states in America that do not have elected Sheriffs, Alaska which does not have counties and Connecticut, in which Sheriffs have been replaced with a State Marshal System.

Sheriff's Deputies tasks are operating jails courthouse security, county buildings, and many others plus coordinating with city police departments and on occasion taking over certain events. Sheriff's offices also are responsible for uniform patrols and detective investigations.

What is his importance to your county? Most people don't know the difference between the Sheriff's deputy, the city Police Officer, the highway patrolman or the Fed's. Not enough is said or taught and the public's opinions can be way off base, usually are, thank you media and Television propaganda.

Due to TV propaganda many think the Fed's know it all, they don't, and they don't know what they don't know. Some federal agents may know more than others IF they have local Law Enforcement experience. Others usually only know what training and experience has taught them in their field. Experience isn't cheap, easy, and takes time.

The city police chief and officers (continues at right)

enforce city ordinance in their boundaries, can make arrests on violations of state laws they witness including arrests on warrants in which they may have knowledge of. City ordinances, mostly misdemeanors and infractions, are for the most part different than state laws which are misdemeanors and felonies.

As for state highway patrolman in Kansas, duties are traffic enforcement, working accidents, issuing traffic summons and on view state laws. This differs some in parts of the state where duties may expand due to shortage of law enforcement in given areas. They do on occasion give backup to cities and sheriff's deputies.

Again, the Sheriff and his deputies have jurisdiction over their entire county as needed. The only exception is in Riley County, Kansas. They have eliminated the office of the sheriff and replaced the sheriff with an appointed director of Riley County Police of Manhattan, Kansas. That director reports to the county manager which is similar to what the Johnson County Commission wants, only some of them we hope.

A friend of mine who was a retired Colorado Highway Patrolman thought he wanted to be sheriff, ran for sheriff in Chaffee County Colorado, won, and served only one term, it was his choice why? Because the explanation was this, "When I ran for sheriff I was elected, I thought I knew a lot but when I was elected Sheriff, I found out I didn't know anything about the Sheriff's Office, I was in over my head. I had a very experienced deputy that saved me. I appointed him as my undersheriff, and he ran that sheriff's office my entire term and I didn't run again, I didn't want to." He happily retired again.

His other comment is that "you do not want an inexperienced elected sheriff having to learn on the job as I did. Ya need experience, not on the job training."

The moral to that story is IF ya don't have sheriff's or deputy sheriff's experience, expanded experience, you will be in over your head. We witnessed this locally when we had one who was appointed Johnson County Sheriff via a caucus. That office was poorly run for a period of time, part of one term following the death of Sheriff John Foster. When this guy was defeated he left the office two million dollars over budget due to his inexperienced handling of the job.

In the case of the three candidates who are currently running for Johnson County sheriff all good men for sure, two have extensive Sheriff's Office experience. The other is in the same situation as my Highway Patrolman friend in Colorado, he's a police chief of a small city, endorsed by four police chiefs of small cities, who also have no sheriff's office experience.

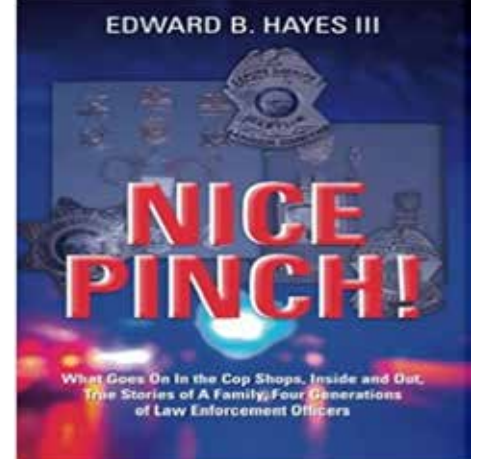
SO, now this is the important part, when you vote for anyone, especially your sheriff, please don't vote for someone because they're pretty, and don't vote for someone just because he or she is your friend. The candidates for sheriff's personal views or opinions should not be important. The important thing should be, will he enforce the laws that by law he is obligated to enforce under Kansas state law. Period!

I'll suggest how you make your decision: Listen closely to what and how the candidates speak, the manner in which they speak? IF a candidate seems to appear to know it all, he probably doesn't. In the case of the sheriff, it's important that the experience that (continues at right)



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 You can contact Ed Hayes , americanpatriots@sbcglobal.net or call 913 620 0771 "AND REMEMBER, PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY! OUR ENEMIES ARE WORKING 24/7 TO DESTROY US! IN GOD WE TRUST."



should matter for most is the experience that he or she has AS a sheriff or his deputy, nothing more. Look at the ranks candidates held and the position in that office. Was he a sergeant, a lieutenant, a captain or above? Considering this, different areas of experience are an indicator of the experience level which is important.

There's always something else and here it is, not all, but we have county commissioners that want the Sheriff to be an appointed position instead of elected, why would they want this? THEY WANT CONTROL, don't let them tell you anything different. Their only related function is to approve the sheriff's budget. It's been funny in the past when our county commissioners, some of them, tried to ram rod the sheriff's office, they couldn't. They couldn't get by with it with Allenbrand, Foster, Denning nor Sheriff Calvin Hayden. They didn't go for any of this, they ran their department, period. To put any amateur in charge of the Sheriff's Office, no matter who, would have and has had an enormous impact on the office and public safety.

As said, the county commission signs off on the sheriff's presented budgets and budgets can be cut. Some of the recommendations from the county commission for the sheriff to cut costs are evidence of just what would happen IF they gained control. They just don't understand the impact towards our Sheriff's deputies/office, or the public, or public safety or apparently, they didn't care.

The big government wants a national police force, this is the first step and few counties in some states have done it. Every year the sheriff must present the budget and as said, the commissioners usually try to cut it. Sheriff Denning had this battle from day one of his tenure since the office was left OVER budget by his predecessor when he took office. So, another question is this, will your choice of a sheriff candidate have the courage to take on the county commissioners and keep the sheriff elected? Will he or she even understand the implications from day one?

I encourage you to research Kansas State statutes on the duties of the sheriff. Chapter 19.—COUNTIES AND COUNTY OFFICERS, (19-801 a thru 19-828) can be found online or in the library and yes, it is that important. You should educate yourself, you will be surprised by the numbers and scope of duties of the sheriff. Duties by statute are many, to learn without experience would be time-consuming and difficult. IF anyone needs help on this contact me, I will help.

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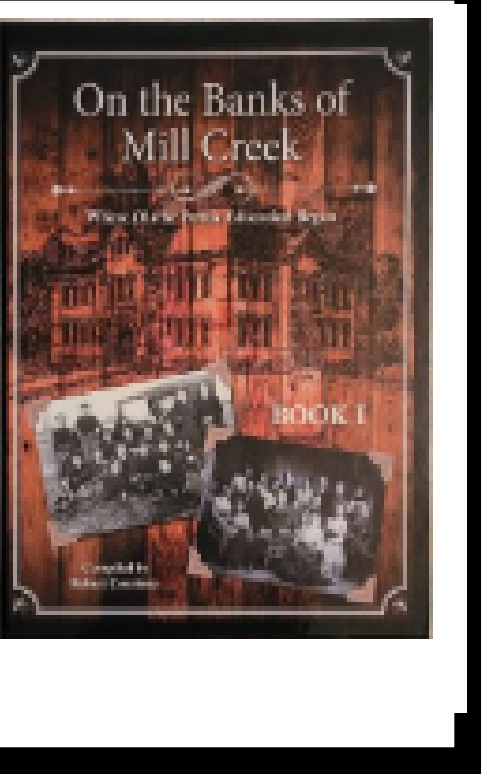
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At a girl's college hostel, dates were permitted only on Saturday nights. One young man showed up on a Tuesday evening, explaining to an older woman in the lobby of the dorm that it was imperative he see a certain young lady immediately. "I want to surprise her. You see, I'm her brother." "Oh, she'll be surprised all right," said the woman. "But think of how surprised I am! I'm her mother!"

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Wife: Why in the world did you buy 6 cartons of milk?  
Husband: "They had eggs"

**Thought For The Day -**  
My Apathy is at an all time whatever.  
Jerry Walter

**Jerry Walter**  
**Thought For The Day -** Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit. - George Carlin

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"No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?"  
"I made of concrete."  
"I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?"  
"No, we have carpet, and not need one."  
"I mean what are your relations like?"  
"All my relations still in Poland."  
"Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"  
"We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player."  
"Does your wife beat you up?"  
"No, I always up before her."  
"Why do you want this divorce?"  
"She going to kill me."  
"What makes you think that?"  
"I got proof."  
"What kind of proof?"  
"She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read English pretty good, and it say: POLISH REMOVER."*

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5. She falls asleep during sex. The oral kind. While she's giving it.
4. When he calls her, she answers his voice with, "Oh. It's only you."
3. She cancels his date because she has to clean out the septic tank.
2. She makes inquiries about going on the Witness Protection Program.
1. Her cat pees on him. And receives a reward.

### Top Ten Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say

10. Well, how 'bout that?... I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain "up yours" attitude I like that.
7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car -- GO CRAZY.
6. What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend ... you might want to consider throwing a party.
4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey things -- you know -- that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
3. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring -- now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.
2. Why do you wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
1. Father's Day? -- don't worry about that -- it's no big deal.

### Olathe Overall Quality (Continued from Page 1)

Olathe's ratings in "Satisfaction with the Overall Quality of City Services" and "Quality of Customer Service Received" rank in the Top 10% in the nation among cities larger than 100,000 residents surveyed by the ETC Institute. Olathe's ratings in "Value Received for Your Tax Dollars," "Overall Quality of Life," also ranked in the Top 10% nationally. Satisfaction with the "Overall Quality of City Services" in Olathe rated 93 percent, far above the national average of 49 percent. Satisfaction with "Value Received for City Tax Dollars" in Olathe rated 65 percent, far above the national average of 33 percent. Satisfaction with "Quality of Customer Service Received" in Olathe rated 87 percent, far above the national average of 39 percent. "Each year regional and national publications affirm Olathe's position as one of America's best places to live. While appreciated, it's vital that our taxpayers and residents feel the same way. Residents tell us their priorities and our employees deliver at exceptional levels," said City Manager Michael Wilkes. "I could not be more proud of the City of Olathe employees who continue to set the standard for excellence in public service." According to residents surveyed, traffic flow is tied for the highest priority (58 percent) with maintenance of city streets/buildings/facilities (58 percent). The survey, DirectionFinder®, is administered by ETC Institute. Olathe is one of approximately 900 city and county governments from 49 states using the citizen satisfaction survey. Approximately 2,000 households covering all areas of the city were surveyed during 2023. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.2% at the 95% confidence level. The City has used DirectionFinder® annually since 2000 to track and benchmark city performance. *It has been a critical decision-making tool for service delivery and resource allocation. Visit OlatheKS.gov to see the full citizen satisfaction survey report.*



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Sweet Tee's  
COFFEE SHOP

Serving Coffee, Tea,  
Smoothies, Pastries, Wraps

Gluten Free/Vegan  
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Multiple Olathe Locations

Main Shop @ 2063 E Santa Fe  
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Downtown Library @ 260 E Santa Fe



The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.  
*Numbers 6:24-26*

A Message from Your Friends at  
Dale's Body Shop  
300 W. Park  
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# Mower Mowers and More Mowers Commercial and Residential mowers in stock.



**Gravelly**  
from 34" to 72" cut  
Kawasaki Engines



**Altoz**  
Track Mowers  
66" cut  
Finish Cut or All Terrain Deck  
Kawasaki Engines

Financing available for new mowers.

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74" to 60" Mowers in stock



**H.E.R.S. Inc.**  
107 W Johnson St  
Spring Hill, Ks. 66083  
Phone: 913.247.3530  
cathy@hersinc.net

Hours: Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Saturdays: 9:00 am to Noon (Seasonal)

## Services - Tune-Up Packages available

### Zero Turn and Riders

Change engine oil and filter, install new spark plugs, clean air filter, install new fuel filter, sharpen and balance blades, check gear box fluid level and tire pressures, lube grease zerts, and inspect deck, belts, spindles and pulleys for proper operation. \$275.00

### Self Propel / Push Mowers

Change engine oil, install new spark plug, clean air filter, install new fuel filter, blow debris from air box, fins and belt cover, sharpen and balance blade, adjust cables if needed, inspect recoil assembly and pull cord, lube grease zerts if any, and inspect deck, belt, spindle and pulley for proper operation. \$125.00

Prices are based on running and starting units. Other charges may apply.  
*Other services available!*

Pick-Up and Delivery available.



