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PGT Trucking, Inc. acquires Debrick Truck Line Co.

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PAOLA – PGT Trucking, Inc., which is based in Pennsylvania but operates 35 terminal locations across the United States and Mexico, recently acquired the Paola-based Debrick Truck Line Co.

Debrick Truck Line was founded in 1958 by Arnold and Lorene Debrick as a local water hauler. Arnold was a World War II veteran and wanted to build a better life for his family.

In 1981, Arnold and Lorene's four children, Kevin, Ken, Karen and Kathy, became actively involved in the trucking company.

The Debricks used their owner-operator model to grow the business across the country, expanding into a nationwide flatbed carrier hauling structural steel, precast concrete and glass products.

Today, Debrick Truck Line has 30 owner-operators that operate in all 48 continental states, although Debrick's primary



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The four children of Arnold and Lorene Debrick are still a big part of Debrick Truck Line Co. in Paola, even after the business recently was acquired by PGT Trucking, Inc. Pictured are (from left) Karen, Kathy, Ken and Kevin.

focus covers the Midwest from Wisconsin to Texas.

PGT Trucking, Inc. now has 35 terminal locations across the U.S. and Mexico, and the move to acquire Debrick Truck Line strengthens PGT's presence in the Midwest.

"PGT Trucking is proud to work with the Debrick family," PGT Trucking President Gregg Troian said in a news



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The Paola-based Debrick Truck Line Co. recently was acquired by PGT Trucking, Inc.

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Development agreement approved for data centers in Osawatomi's Northland

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OSAWATOMIE – Osawatomi City Council members have approved a preliminary development agreement that offers incentives for data centers to be built on the city's Northland property.

Council members unanimously approved the preliminary development agreement during the Jan. 8 council meeting.

City officials have been working with Alcove Development on the proposed project. Alcove also is working with the city on the Fifth Street Terrace subdivision and West Elementary Lofts projects.

City Manager Bret Glendening said the proposed data centers would be built on undeveloped land in the Northland near 335th Street and Osawatomi Road. The development would be north of the Osawatomi State Hospital campus and across the street from the recently developed solar array.

In 2005, the city of

Osawatomi was given 327 acres of surplus state-owned land around the Osawatomi State Hospital to be used toward large-scale economic development.

Glendening said the land recently became more marketable thanks to the completion of the Northland Interceptor Sewer project. The \$2 million project extended sanitary sewer lines from the city's wastewater treatment plant underneath U.S. Highway 169 to the west to service potential Northland properties.

The city received a \$1.5 million BASE Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to help fund the sewer project. Council members, during the Jan. 8 meeting, accepted the work and approved the final payment for the project.

Glendening said the proposed data centers would be built on two undeveloped tracts totaling 115 acres in the Northland.

According to city

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PERKS BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Visit to Don's Barber Shop offers a walk down memory lane

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OSAWATOMIE – With the world changing around it, Don's Barber Shop in Osawatomi has been one of the constants for the past seven decades.

Walking through the front door is a step back in time from the 1950s with old hand-painted business signs lining the walls from Barnett & Son Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Work, J.A. Slayman Coal, Birchard Funeral Home, Price Ford Motors, Burton's Bakery, A-1 Auto Body Shop, B.C.

Auto Salvage, Chamberlain Dairy, McQueary Motors, Vernon Dunaway Furniture & Piano Moving and many others.

The signs are a snapshot of some of the businesses in Osawatomi more than 70 years ago.

"The only one still in town is Birchard Funeral Home," said Ken Davis, owner of Don's Barber Shop. "They still have the same name, but the ownership has changed."

While Barnett & Son Plumbing is no longer in business, decedents Tadd and Burk own and operate Integrity Auto in Paola.

A barber shop has been at the location since 1938. Don Davis began running Don's Barber Shop in 1955.

Ken Davis grew up in the barber shop business and for a time worked with his father, Don, who cut hair at the age of 83.

Ken was 11 in December of 1968 when he remembers visiting the shop and hanging out with his father.

He started working at Don's Barber Shop in 1991, when he was 35, and has spent the last 35 years there.

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Ken Davis, owner of Don's Barber Shop in Osawatomi, visits with customer Gabe Pfefferkorn during a haircut. Ken's father, Don, opened the shop in 1955, and the doors have been open ever since. Ken started working with his father in 1991.



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documents pertaining to the three-year preliminary development agreement with Alcove, the price for the 115 acres is listed at \$10,000 an acre, and Alcove would also pay the city 3 percent of the purchase price as an exclusive right to develop payment.

The city agrees to abate 50 percent of property taxes for 10 years and issue industrial revenue bonds that would be payable by the developer and not be a city obligation.



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Proposed data centers that could provide an economic boost to Osawatอมie may be built on undeveloped land in the Northland near 335th Street and Osawatอมie Road, but the project has not been finalized.

The city also agrees to establish proper zoning and issue special-use permits, provide 1 MGD of water and between 50 and 150 MW of power, and

provide 5 MW of renewable energy credits.

Glendening said the project would provide an economic boost for the city.

City documents

state that the proposed 600,000-square-foot data center campus would cost about \$900 million to \$1.1 billion to develop and be built using 250 to 350 construction jobs paying between \$35 and \$105 an hour. The campus would eventually have between 60 and 90 full-time employees with salaries between \$70,000 and \$130,000 a year.

Glendening said that based on a \$1 billion facility, a 25 percent assessment rate for commercial property, and the city's 2026 mill levy of 76, the total property taxes to Osawatอมie would be about \$19 million.

"Abating 50 percent of

these taxes still leaves the city of Osawatอมie with three times the tax revenue we collect from all other properties within our city limits combined," Glendening stated in city documents.

However, Glendening also clarified that an unknown portion of the estimated value would qualify for the state's exemption on machinery and equipment, which will lower the estimates.

The approved agreement is actually three and a half years because it includes a six-month, no cost due diligence period. The effective date of the agreement is Jan. 9, and the end of the six-month due diligence

period will be July 9.

The first 3 percent reserve payment will be due on July 10, according to the agreement.

The council members unanimously approved the preliminary development agreement during the Jan. 8 council meeting.

Despite the approval, Glendening said the development is still far from a sure thing.

"There are still many hurdles that need to be cleared, but we are cautiously optimistic," Glendening said. "This is certainly the most encouraging opportunity the city has seen for the Northland property in my 20 years of living in Osawatอมie."

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release. "Through PGT Paola, we are prepared to offer safe and reliable transportation solutions throughout North America, supporting our customers, drivers and local community."

The Debrick family remains heavily involved at the Paola-based business, although Karen and Kathy are nearing retirement.

"PGT Trucking and Debrick Truck Lines share similar history and values," said Kevin Debrick, who is now serving as PGT Trucking Paola Terminal Manager. "We are a close-knit organization, and it is important for us to work with a partner who understands our emphasis on family, loyalty, and safety."

Debrick Truck Line has become a multi-generational family operation, as Kathy's son, Clint Haley, and Ken's daughter, Kendra Fuller, also work at the Paola business.



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Debrick Truck Line has become a multi-generational family operation, as Kathy's son, Clint Haley (far left), and Ken's daughter, Kendra Fuller (second from left), also work at the Paola business. Also pictured are brothers Kevin and Ken Debrick.

Spellers compete at Paola Middle School

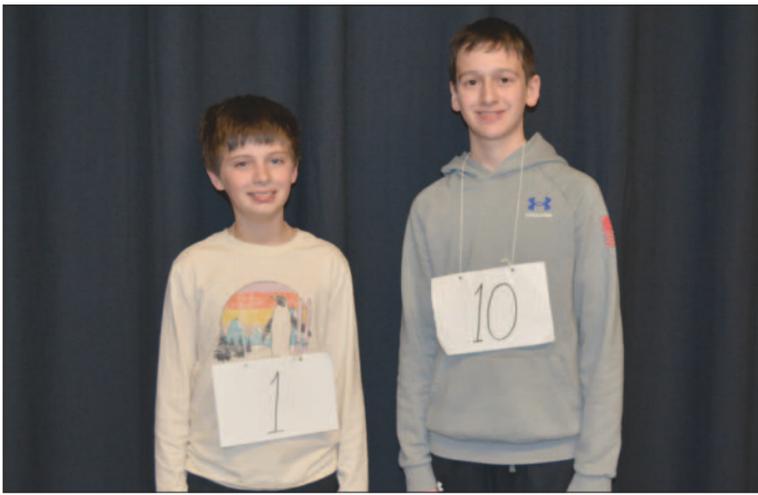
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Two sixth-grade students will be moving on to the county spelling bee after finishing first and second in the Paola Middle School spelling bee Friday, Jan. 16.

Miles Troxel successfully spelled "dictatorship" to win the school bee, but both he and runner-up Nate King will represent the school at the Miami County Spelling Bee set for 1 p.m. Feb. 18 at Osawatอมie High School.

The Paola Middle School spelling bee featured 30 of the school's top spellers, but more than half were eliminated during a difficult first



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Miles Troxel (right) was the winner of the Paola Middle School spelling bee, and Nate King was the runner-up. Both sixth-grade students will represent the school during the Miami County Spelling Bee on Feb. 18.

round, with spellers getting tripped up on words like "paltry," "suspicious,"

"receptionist," and "nautical."

In addition to spelling rounds, the bee also included some vocabulary rounds in which students needed to know what certain words meant.

By the sixth round, it

was down to Miles and Nate. Both spelled some words correctly but missed others.

Miles successfully spelled "nomination" and then "dictatorship" to claim the championship.

Olathe teens arrested after multi-county pursuit

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A high-speed pursuit that began in northern Miami County and took law enforcement officers into Johnson County eventually led to the arrest of three Olathe teens.

The incident began at about 2:54 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, when a Miami County Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a silver 2004 Volkswagen SUV in the area of 223rd Street and Yankee Bit Lane west of Spring Hill. The vehicle was reportedly traveling 58 mph in a 45 mph zone, according to a news release from the Miami County Sheriff's Office.

As the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled eastbound on 223rd Street, then northbound on U.S. Highway 169, entering Johnson County, according to the release.

The vehicle continued northbound on U.S. 169 at speeds exceeding 100 mph. As it approached 51st Street, the vehicle entered Interstate 35 and reached nearly 120 mph, with the driver turning the headlights off. At the time of the pursuit, the weather was clear, and traffic was minimal, according to the release.

At about 75th Street and Interstate 35, officers with the Lenexa Police Department successfully deployed tire deflation devices, which deflated at least one tire and caused the vehicle to come to a safe stop near 67th Street and Interstate 35, according to the release.

Once the vehicle stopped, four occupants fled on foot, while one remained at the vehicle. Deputies from the Miami County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Lenexa Police Department, Merriam Police Department,

Olathe Police Department, and Prairie Village Police Department conducted a search of the area and were able to locate two of the fleeing occupants, according to the release.

Abraham Angel Moreno Ponce was located and transported to a local area hospital for treatment. Jemel Noyola Fernandez was taken into custody by Miami County deputies and booked into the Miami County Jail. Stephen Michael Sallaz exited the vehicle but complied with commands and remained at the vehicle. The remaining two occupants have not yet been located, according to the release.

A search of the vehicle and the three individuals located resulted in the discovery of firearms, illegal narcotics, alcohol, tobacco products and drug paraphernalia.

Multiple charges were submitted to the Miami County Attorney's Office.

Jemel Noyola Fernandez, 18, of Olathe, is facing requested charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, interference with law enforcement, consumption of liquor by a minor, and possession of tobacco by a minor.

Abraham Angel Moreno Ponce, 19, of Olathe, is facing requested charges of interference with law enforcement and consumption of liquor by a minor.

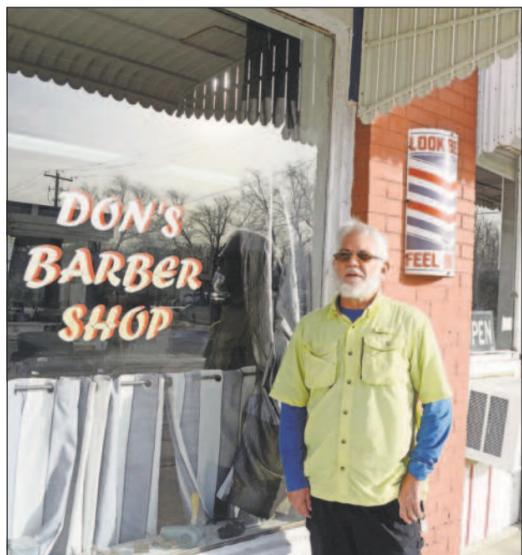
Stephen Michael Sallaz, 18, of Olathe, is facing a requested charge of consumption of liquor by a minor, according to the release.

Sheriff's office officials said the investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges may be submitted. The remaining suspects are still being sought, according to the release.

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Ken Davis poses for pictures in front of Don's Barber Shop in Osawatometie. The shop features old hand painted signs from Osawatometie businesses, offering a nostalgic trip down memory lane.



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A Carl Haag Jeweler MO.PAC. Watch Inspector clock, used to time watches for railroad engineers, is among the antique pieces on display at Don's Barber Shop.



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This Barnett & Son sign is one of the hand painted old business signs on display at Don's Barber Shop.

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Ken Davis runs the two-seat shop, carrying on the family tradition at Don's Barber Shop

located at 505 6th St. just around the corner from Main Street in Osawatometie.

Ken and his father, Don, are both part of a unique club, doing more than 100,000 haircuts each.

Davis loves preserving the history of his hometown. The signs are a walk down memory lane.

One of the historical pieces in the shop from days gone by is a Carl Haag, Jeweler, MO.PAC. Watch Inspector clock. The clock

was used by railroad engineers to set their watches to. It still runs today, keeping perfect time.

The shop features a 6-foot, 1955 fan and a 1967 booster seat for kids to use. The heavy barber chairs go way back too with ash trays on both arms.

There is a case inside the shop filled with old fashioned barber shop pieces.

He offers haircuts, shaves and has a relaxing shoulder massager.

Don's Barber Shop is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Don's Barber Shop is participating in The Miami County Republic's new Community Insider Perks Program, which gives subscribers discounts at local businesses.

Any subscriber who shows their digital Perks card at Don's Barber Shop can have \$4 from their \$20 haircut donated to the high school of their choice.

Current subscribers can visit republic-online.com/perks to access their digital Community Insider Perks card and explore offers from participating businesses.

Museum celebrates hat day with collection of Lillian Grimes' hats and boxes

BY GENE MORRIS

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PAOLA – National Hat Day was a time to celebrate them all – ladies hats, cowboy hats and baseball caps.

The Miami County Historical Museum opened a display to celebrate National Hat Day on Thursday, Jan. 15, showcasing more than 50 hats from Lillian Frances Oyster Grimes' collection on loan from her grandson George Grimes. The display also featured luggage from his mother, Mary Ann Grimes.

Hat lovers and fans of nostalgia are invited to stop by the museum all month to see that hat collection, which includes many of the original hat boxes.

"It is really neat to see the hats on display like this," George Grimes said, during a visit to the museum to see the display. "I didn't know what to do with so many hats and suitcases, so we want to have them on display for everyone to enjoy. My grandmother wore these hats when I was a kid," he said. "It is really amazing to see the condition the hats and boxes are in after so many years."

The Catholic Church released regulations on how women dressed themselves in 1279, specifically mandating that they cover their hair when they left home.

In Colonial America, women wore hats, not by law, but for fashion. Hats typically were not worn to formal events.

Over the course of two years, 1784 to 1786, the style of women's hats changed 17 times in the Paris fashion industry.

John Hetherington of London reportedly wore the first top hat in court on Jan. 15, 1797. He allegedly caused a riot and was



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A dress worn by Velma L. Gay of Spring Hill, who taught in Shawnee Mission, was part of a display for National Hat Day at the Miami County Historical Museum.

arrested for disturbing the peace when the tall, shiny hat frightened onlookers.

Cyrus Shaw opened a mercantile store in Paola on Dec. 25, 1855. It was one of the first businesses in town where ladies could purchase hats.

Shaw worked as a clerk in a store for noted Indian Chief Baptiste Peoria. The Cyrus Shaw Mercantile Building is still standing today at 121 S. Pearl St. It is the home of The Miami County Republic newspaper.

H.N. McLachlin arrived in Paola in 1857 when it was an Indian trading post. He engaged in the sale of dry goods, clothing and groceries.

Sternberg and David was a store operating in Paola in 1868 that sold clothing, hats, boots and home furnishings.

Mayer & Company, G.W. Mitchler, Mrs. Childress and Aherns & Wanke were

additional businesses in Paola where women of the day could shop for hats in



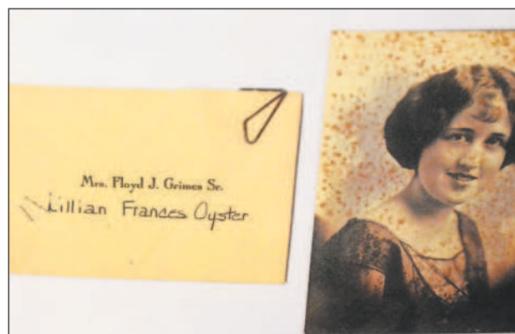
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George Grimes examines a display of ladies hats and boxes and suitcases used by his grandmother, Lillian Frances Oyster Grimes, and mother, Mary Ann Grimes.

the 1850s, 60s and 70s.

The display showcased a dress worn by Velma L. Gay, who lived in Spring Hill. She taught history at Shawnee Mission in Kansas. Gay was born in Kansas City, Mo., on May 18, 1904. She passed away on Oct. 7, 1985.

The Miami County Historical Museum, 12 E. Peoria St., is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month.



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Lillian Frances Oyster Grimes' picture and Mrs. Floyd J. Grimes Sr. card is featured along with more than 50 of her hats in a display at the Miami County Historical Museum.



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Ladies hats, hat boxes, gloves and suitcases were on display at the Miami County Historical Museum in recognition of National Hat Day on Thursday, Jan. 15.

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Preliminary hearing waived in fatal Louisburg wreck case

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Robert Korenich, a 77-year-old man from Deepwater, Mo., who is facing multiple charges stemming from a fatal wreck last year that took the life of Anthony Juarez in Louisburg, waived his right to a preliminary hearing during a recent court appearance.

Korenich entered the courtroom using a motorized wheelchair and used a cane to stand up during the hearing Friday, Jan. 16, at the Miami County Courthouse.

His attorney, Tyler Garretson of Olathe, told Judge Richard M. Fisher, Jr., that Korenich intended to waive his right to a preliminary hearing. Miami County Attorney Kent Harding did not dispute the request.

Judge Fisher asked Korenich if that is indeed what he wanted to do and reminded him that during a preliminary hearing, the state would need to present enough evidence to show that probable cause exists, moving the case



Robert Korenich

forward to arraignment and a potential jury trial.

Korenich said he understands and still wants to waive the preliminary hearing.

Judge Fisher accepted the waiver and scheduled an arraignment hearing for 3 p.m. March 12.

Juarez, a 32-year-old musician who served his community at Agape's Grace in Louisburg and as a firefighter with the Drexel Volunteer Fire Department, passed away March 18, 2025, from injuries sustained after a pickup truck reportedly driven by Korenich crashed into the Agape's Grace office on Amity Street.

Agape's Grace had office space in a building it shared with Safari Hair



File photo

A makeshift memorial for Anthony Juarez was decorated with flowers and other items at the site of the fatal accident that took his life March 18, 2025, in Louisburg.

Styling at 901 W. Amity St. That's where Anthony and his wife, Devin, were behind a desk when the Dodge Ram truck crashed into the building around 12:30 p.m.

Korenich was reportedly driving 61 mph in a 30 mph zone and was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at the time of the wreck, according to court documents.

A series of amended charges against Korenich were filed Jan. 8 in Miami County District Court.

Korenich is charged with involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol and/or

drugs, aggravated battery; DUI causing great bodily harm/disfigurement, vehicular homicide, driving under the influence of a drug or combination of drugs, and speeding.

Korenich was not initially arrested, but he was later arrested and charged in August 2025. He was released on \$200,000 bond, but he can't have any contact with listed witnesses in the case, can't consume alcohol or drugs without a valid doctor's prescription, can't drive a vehicle without a valid driver's license, and must be willing to subject to random testing of alcohol and/or drugs.



File photo

Anthony Juarez (left) was killed last March when a truck crashed into the Agape's Grace office on Amity Street in Louisburg, and his wife, Devin, was injured.



File photo

Robert Korenich, who is facing multiple charges stemming from a fatal wreck last year that took the life of Anthony Juarez in Louisburg, waived his right to a preliminary hearing during an appearance Jan. 16 at the Miami County Courthouse.

Osawatomie man arrested after execution of narcotics search warrant

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OSAWATOMIE – A 61-year-old Osawatomie man was arrested and faces multiple drug-related charges following the execution of a narcotics search warrant at an Osawatomie home.

Osawatomie police officers executed the warrant at about 8:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8., at 140 14th St. The residence had been under investigation for several months after reports were made to law enforcement officers about the alleged sale of narcotics by a person living on the property, according to a news release from the Osawatomie Police Department.

After establishing probable cause that narcotics were being sold from the property, investigators applied for and were granted a search warrant through Miami County District Court.

During the execution of the search warrant, Gary L. Burnett, 61, was taken into custody. Burnett was residing in a detached garage located behind the main residence, according to the release.

A search of the garage resulted in the seizure of about 42 grams of methamphetamine, scales, a firearm, drug paraphernalia and additional items related to the



Miami County Sheriff's Office

Gary L. Burnett, 61, of Osawatomie is facing multiple drug-related charges after being arrested following the execution of a narcotics search warrant by the Osawatomie Police Department.

packaging and sale of narcotics, according to the release.

Upon completion of the search, Burnett was transported to the Miami County Jail.

Multiple requested charges were sent to the Miami County Attorney's Office, including three counts of distribution of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school, three counts of using a telecommunication device to arrange the sale of narcotics, four counts of no drug tax stamp affixed, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, felony possession of



Osawatomie Police Department

The execution of a narcotics search warrant at 140 14th St. in Osawatomie on Thursday, Jan. 8, led to the arrest of 61-year-old Gary L. Burnett, who is now facing multiple drug-related charges.

a firearm, and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to the release.

A preliminary examination hearing is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Miami County Courthouse.

The news release emphasized that Burnett is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

"The Osawatomie Police Department extends its appreciation to the Miami County Sheriff's Office, Ottawa Police Department, and Miami County EMS for their assistance during this operation," Osawatomie Police Chief David Stuteville said.



Osawatomie Police Department

Osawatomie police officers executed a narcotics search warrant at an Osawatomie home on 14th Street on Thursday, Jan. 8.

We would like to congratulate **Michelle Chester** on her retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to Tri-Ko! Love, Mike and the kids

Garden symposium planned for Feb. 28

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY
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PAOLA - The Marais Des Cygnes Extension District Master Gardeners are presenting their ninth biennial garden symposium Saturday, Feb. 28, at Town Square Events in Paola.

The theme for this year's symposium is "Nature, Science, and Garden Design."

The event will feature expert speakers who will explore soil health, water use, plant selection, and the natural elements that make gardens both beautiful and sustainable, according to a news release.

The symposium will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with doors opening at 8:30 a.m.

The event is open to the public, but there is a registration fee of \$65 per person, which includes a gourmet boxed lunch, refreshments, snacks and printed materials, according to the release.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 13.

Interested people can find more information and the registration link on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdcemg.

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Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge set for Feb. 4

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY
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PAOLA – Local students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to win some big bucks during the Miami County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

The event, which is a partnership between Network Kansas and K-State Research and Extension Marais des Cygnes District, is scheduled to take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Paola American Legion.

Teams are welcome, and the registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 23.

Interested students should write an executive summary up to three pages that includes a description of their business, target market, competition, marketing plan, three-year financial projections, and business model, according to a news release.

Executive summaries must be submitted on VentureDash by Jan. 23. For more information, contact the K-State Research and Extension Marais des Cygnes District.

Prizes include \$750 for first



File photo

The Paola American Legion will host the Miami County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place, as well as \$250 for Best Tradeshaw Booth, according to the release.

In addition to the executive summaries, interested students will need to put together a formal presentation that is a maximum of four minutes. The presentation should include the information in the executive summary, as well as how the students plan to build their business over time.

There also will be a 90-minute

trade show event that will give students the opportunity to pitch their business idea or product to the public, as well as judges. Participating students will be given one 8-foot table to use to promote their business, and marketing materials are encouraged, according to the release.

The public will be allowed to come to the Legion and vote for the best trade show booth from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

Registration will be from 10



February 4, 2026
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10:30am-2:30pm
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Prizes
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3rd Place = \$250
Best Tradeshaw Booth = \$250

Schedule:
10:00-10:30 am - Registration
10:30-11:30 am - Tradeshaw Booth Set-up
10:30-11:30 - Formal Presentations Judging
11:30-Noon - Pizza Lunch for contestants/judges
Noon -1:00 pm - Tradeshaw
1:00 - 2:15 pm - Formal Presentations Judging
2:30 pm - Awards

Register & Submit Executive Summaries on VentureDash by January 23, 2026



<https://goventuredash.com/app/competitions/763>

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Competition Requirements:

Executive Summary

Write up to 3 pages about your business, including a description of your business, target market, competition, marketing plan, 3-year financial projections and your business model

Executive summaries must be submitted on VentureDash by January 23, 2026

Formal Presentation

Maximum of 4 minutes to present your business. Presentation should include the information provided in your executive summary as well as how you plan to build your business over time.

Tradeshaw

The tradeshaw is a 90-minute event where you will have the opportunity to pitch your business idea or product to the public as well as judges. You will have one 8-foot table to use to promote your business. You may display your product; no sales allowed. Marketing materials are encouraged.

Best of Tradeshaw

The public will be allowed to come in and vote for the best tradeshaw booth from NOON TO 1:30PM on February 4th.

Mystery Solved

Thanks to a good response from our Facebook followers, we were able to partially solve last week's History Mystery.

Debbie Grandon Watrous recognized the man second from the left as Howard Boslough.

"He ran the concession stand at the ballfields," Watrous said. "It was sponsored by the American Legion post. If you chased down a foul ball and turned it in to Howard, you got a dime."

Although the building has a Coker's advertisement on it, Kevin Barbour and several others think the building is the old Grable's building on the southeast side of the Square at the Pearl Street intersection. Coker's was located on the northwest side of the Square.

Brenda Parscale said the Coker's building also had stairs on the side, so it could actually have been taken at the corner of Peoria and Silver streets.

After thinking about it more, Barbour

said it could be the back north alley behind the old Coker's building on the northwest corner of the Square.

"There was an overhead door there, and I seem to remember the fire started in that building from an auto repair business catching fire," Barbour said.

Mark Cooper recognized the man fourth from the left as his grandfather, George McGonagle, who was a police officer in Paola.

Several people recognized the policeman on the right as Bill Bennett.

Kevin Schasteen said the three men wearing garrison caps were American Legion members.

Stacy Ray Wintrode said the man on the far left is her "pappy," Grandpa Glenn Ray.

Jean Weber Randles also recognized the man on the far left as "Mr. Ray," and Tanner Wintrode confirmed that it is his great grandfather.



Even those who didn't recognize anyone enjoyed the photo, with one quipping that it looks "like they're on the Mayberry set."

If you have any additional information about the History Mystery photo, please call Republic Managing Editor Brian McCauley directly at 816-225-9181 or the Republic office line

at 913-294-2311. You can also send McCauley an email at bmccauley@cherryroad.com.

Our History Mystery photos are taken from boxes of old photos we have archived at the Republic office in Paola. Many were taken by Bob Harrington and other former reporters as early as the 1950s.

Looking back on the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850



BY GRADY ATWATER

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was an incendiary law that was pushed through congress and signed by President Millard Fillmore as part of the Compromise of 1850 that admitted California to the Union as a Free State and Texas as a Slave State.

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 stated that slave holders and bounty hunters who sought to claim the reward posted by slaveholders for African-Americans who had fled enslavement could capture formerly enslaved African-Americans in any state regardless of the legality of slavery in any state in the Union.

In addition, bounty hunters or slaveholders could force any local law enforcement officer or citizen to aid them in apprehending a formerly enslaved African-American, and any local law enforcement officer or citizen who refused to cooperate faced

federal arrest, imprisonment and fines.

The Fugitive Slave Act created extreme anger and resentment in the Northern states, who saw the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 as an overreach of federal power that benefited slaveholders.

Federal Marshals who went into Northern states to enforce the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 were sometimes greeted by large groups of angry protesters who interfered with and sometimes prevented them from enforcing the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

Abolitionists were especially incensed by the

clauses of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 that stated that African-Americans who were detained by United States Marshals and bounty hunters had no right to any due process of law and could not summon any witnesses or even speak in their own defense.

African-Americans who had been free born in the North could be detained and enslaved and had no legal recourse to prevent becoming enslaved. Abolitionists rose up in opposition to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and protested and doubled their efforts on the Underground Railroad to help African-Americans by resisting the efforts of Federal Marshals, slave hunters and bounty hunters to detain African-Americans, both free born and formerly enslaved African-Americans.

The anti-slavery protests

and attacks on Federal Marshals, bounty hunters and slave holders increased political, cultural, and economic tensions between the pro-and-anti slavery advocates in the United States exponentially.

John Brown created the United States League of Gileadites, and trained and supplied African-Americans in self defense against Federal Marshals, slave holders, and bounty hunters in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1850.

John Brown advised them on strategies and tactics to resist being detained, especially strategies and tactics on disrupting court hearings determining the legal status African-Americans had in regards to slavery.

Proslavery advocates responded to the protests and interference with the enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 with fury, for

proslavery advocates argued that the United States Constitution ensured that enslaved African-Americans were their legal property and anti-slavery advocates were violating their civil rights when they were protesting against and interfering with enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

Anti-Slavery advocates and abolitionists responded to the fury of proslavery advocates with equal fury, protesting against what they perceived to be a federal government and pro-slavery advocates power overreach and an attempt to foist slavery on all of the states of the Union.

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was one of the sparks that ignited the explosion of the Civil War.

Grady Atwater is site administrator of the John Brown Museum and State Historic Site.

Kansas Day

by the Paola Free Library

Saturday, January 31st, 10:30am
Paola Free Library Reading Room

Brief History of KS Day
Kristin Graue, fiddler
Folklore
Trivia
Coloring Sheets

Stories of Kansas
Folklore & History with
Joyce Slater

Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library

Twin Valley 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Twin Valley 4-H Club was held Jan. 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Roll call was answered by your least favorite food. Clare Scherman, Historian, said there is a Google drive for sharing pictures from 4-H activities. She also asked everyone for stories from paint balling and mini golf. She gave some facts about Kansas and Kansas Day.

Kiara Menefee led the club in singing Bingo. The club is wanting to do the Easter egg hunt on April 4. The club also wants to do a fundraiser Lenten supper. The club discussed Club days

on Feb. 21 and presentations that can be done that day.

The club voted to do an Easter egg hunt on April 4. The club voted to do a Lenten supper on Feb. 25. The club set meeting dates for the year.

Jackson Lester told a couple of jokes. Pam Peckman told a joke. Klay Garrison told a joke. Chylar Jones gave a project talk on lambs. She asked the club to vote on the theme for naming the lambs this year. The club voted to name them after spices.

The next meeting is Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Aliyah Lester, Reporter

Thoughts on gardening, fishing and cold-loving animals

BY BETH CONNER

I have not deserted my post, dropped off a cliff, resigned or been fired. Nothing like that at all. I have had computer issues. UGH!

There is nothing so bamboozling or more upsetting to me as when something is expected to work and it doesn't. Here I am slated to write a column concerning outdoor and environmental issues and activities and it is the computer, not me, who has the problem. That really ticks (not the blood-sucking arachnid variety) me off.

The words are tumbling out of my brain so smoothly like trout swimming over a rocky stream. I have collected and stacked new and unusual topics on napkins, envelopes and on slips of paper.

When I'm ready to type, but words are disappearing, paragraphs are sliding like penguins into the Sea of Erasure, and my frustration level has met the tearful eyes of a camel, I am done, ladies and gentlemen.

It's the fault of this miraculous piece of plastic and wires that stops me like a wallowing hippo in the mud. I am going to try my hardest to keep this light and merry. I don't want to hear, mention or discuss any terrible or horrible things. This week has been nightmarish.

So much for our previous temperate weather we became so used to around Christmas. January sub-zero temperatures are present, so wearing winter woolies and hooded sweat-shirts will become part of my daily outfit.

Several people mentioned my cool word "chionophile" I



Beth Conner

wrote about in my last column. Never having seen it before and then, in a recent article, I found it mentioned again. The same cold-bodied word was used in relation to seven animals partial to freezing temperatures.

You can probably guess half of them... number one is a big white bear, and the next is a black and white bird. So, number three is a caribou, but number four is a Japanese Macaque (monkeys in a hot tub). Five, the article said, is an Arctic fox, and the next is a winter weasel (say that four times in a row).

The last animal you will never guess. I thought, "Who came up with this idea?" Here it goes... The seventh animal that happens to be a chionophile is bdelloid rotifer. It is the "most resilient of all microscopic chicon found to be alive after spending 24,000 years in a frozen state." It was found living in the Siberian permafrost in 2021. So, it's not a cuddly cute, soft animal at an animal park.

In my questioning mind, I thought, what if you allowed some of the bdelloid rotifers to completely thaw? Uh oh!?

During our after-Christmas sunny and mild days, I was contemplating my garden. Yes, my garden.

Being out there with my grand-dog, in my cozy pajama

pants and sweatshirt, collecting sunshine and happiness, yanking some dead plants with hard, dense stems that ripped skin off my palms, felt mentally satisfying.

Pretty soon, I got my trusty hoe and gave the weeds some hardy whacks making all of last year's old weeds things of the past. But, staring up at me were cockle burrs, left over by-products of the weeds. A multitude of those porcupine eggs just waiting for spring to replant.

I thought, "NOT IN MY GARDEN YOU WON'T!" you little beggars! Now, picture this in your mind... a rather old woman in her doggy pajamas, bent over her 3-foot-tall raised bed, with her buttocks facing Highway 68 on one of the busiest days for holiday traffic.

This began my garden mission to alleviate the soil from the nasty intruders. I stopped counting at 42. A few cars honked and waved, showing their interest in gardening and being neighborly.

I hope everyone interested in gardening is ready for a Master Gardeners program on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's symposium is called "Nature, Science, and Garden Design." It will be held at Town Square Events, 15 West Wea St.

There is a lot more information online if you look up Marais Des Cygnes Master Gardeners or call 913-294-4306. It is necessary to register online.

They have arranged for some excellent speakers. One of them is Lenora Larson, who is a super, duper master gardener with a bazillion beautiful wild flowers at her house west of town. Ms. Larson is the

best in the Midwest.

Do you love a good fishing story? I sure do - especially this time of the year. My neighbor, Rick Herrada, went fishing at Hillsdale Lake on the first day of winter. If you do recall, it was very warm that day, like shirt-sleeve weather.

He said the parking lot was full of cars and trailers, with eight more boats waiting to go in at Jayhawk Landing. Herrada hadn't fished all summer and had fished only once in the spring with no luck. Well, his luck changed.

He used a Live Scope this time and at a depth of 20-30 feet he found a large population of crappie all huddled

together in one place. Going to several areas and catching 20 crappie, he said he had a great time in the 90 minutes spent on the lake. Herrada caught around 20 crappie, but only eight were keepers.

I want to give you one more story that made my Mama Nature heart happy. It's about Northern right whales, a critically endangered species.

When I say critically, I mean it. There were only 376 whales last year. That isn't very many at all. But there is good news! There are now 18 new calves swimming in the New England waters this year, getting the population to 384.

The calves were born in the

waters around Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida during the summer. The moms left the northern waters in mid-October to have their calves and stayed until April.

Having to migrate 1,000 miles back north to the feeding grounds is a tricky trip. Just think of all the ship and barge traffic the pair must dodge in the Atlantic Ocean. DANGER!

I say, "Congratulations Northern right whales and keep swimming!"

Beth Conner is a Miami County resident, teacher and outdoor enthusiast. She can be reached at bethconner2019@gmail.com.



LORI'S LENS



Pancake ice forms near Creamery Bridge

Lori Stottlemire of Osawatomie recently snapped this photo of pancake ice floating on water near the Creamery Bridge and dam in Osawatomie.

Lori said the lily-pod-shaped ice discs reminded her of pizza crust, and she shared a video of the ice on the community Facebook page "Osawatomie KS News and Events."

Several people commented on her post. Barbara Cummins said she has lived in Osawatomie for at least 60 years and doesn't remember seeing the ice do that before.

Jeanell Luckey-Kuder said the phenomenon is called pancake ice, which forms when small ice crystals accumulate in turbulent, freezing water.

The Creamery Bridge spans the Marais des Cygnes River at Eighth Street and is one of two Marsh Arch triple span bridges located in Osawatomie. The other spans Pottawatomie Creek at Sixth Street, and both are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lori Stottlemire is an amateur photographer from Osawatomie who loves to take photographs in the community and share them on social media. Look for the "Lori's Lens" image in future editions of The Miami County Republic to see more of Lori's photos.

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>Cross Point Church — 1016 N. Pearl Street, Paola, Ks. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BAPTIST</p> <p>Endless Mercy Baptist — Paola Community Center, 905 E. Wea St., Paola. Bible Study Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.-noon. Ron Osborn, Pastor. 913-208-3585.</p> <p>First Baptist — 207 E. Wea, Paola. 913-594-6301. www.firstbaptistpaola.com. Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Praise Kids available. Interim Pastor Rev. Dan Chadwick</p> <p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>Holy Trinity Catholic — Church and School, 501 E. Chippewa, Paola. 913-557-2067. holytrinitypaola.org. Masses Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 8 & 10 a.m. Rev. Joe Sellas.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN</p> <p>Paola Christian — 302 E. Peoria, Paola. 913-294-3284. Worship Services Sun. 10 a.m.</p>	<p>First Lutheran — 401 E. Piankishaw, Paola. 913-295-3476. www.firstlutheran-paola.org. Worship 8 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Vacancy Pastor - Joshua Woelmer</p> <p>Trinity Ev. Lutheran — 34868 Block Road, Paola. 913-849-3344. www.trinityclms.org. Sunday School & Bible Class 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Joshua Woelmer.</p> <p>METHODIST</p> <p>Paola United Methodist — 209 S. Silver, Paola. 913-294-3475. www.paolaumc.org. Worship Services 9:30 a.m.; Faith Studies for all ages 8:15 a.m.; Thrift Shop Sat. 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Reverend Maria Penrod.</p> <p>Plum Creek Global Methodist Church — 319th & Plum Creek Road, Paola. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Hillsdale Presbyterian — 22875 W. 255th St., Hillsdale. 913-783-4416. Worship 9:05 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Nursery Provided & Children's Church. Rev. Laurie Johnston, Pastor.</p>	<p>— 1402 E. 303rd. www.paolalighthouse.com. 913-294-2400. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery Provided & Children's Church. Rev. Kirk Johnston, Pastor.</p> <p>NONDENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>Living Proof Church — 32401 Harmony Rd., Paola. 913-937-7312.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOUISBURG</p> <p>DISCIPLES OF CHRIST</p> <p>First Christian Church — (Disciples of Christ) 602 N. First St., Louisburg. 913-837-4760. www.fcclouisburgks.org. Sunday school (in person & Zoom) 9:30 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Live streaming for 10:30 a.m. on our website. Rev. Deana Perdue, Pastor.</p> <p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>Immaculate Conception Church — 606 S. Elm, Louisburg. 913-837-2295.</p>	<p>Faith Chapel — 841 N. Metcalf, Louisburg. 913-837-2108. www.myfaithchapel.com. Celebration Service 10 a.m.; Nursery, Children's Church 10 a.m. Family Night Wednesday: Free Meal 5:30 p.m.; Classes for All Ages 6:30 p.m.; Real Student Ministries Sun. 6:30 p.m. Jon Clayton, Pastor</p> <p>Rutlader Outpost Cowboy Church — 33607 Metcalf Rd., Louisburg, KS 66053. 913-594-2908. Email: rocowboychurch@gmail.com. Facebook Youtube@RutladerOutpostCowboyChurch Worship Services Every Tuesday 7 p.m.; Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 p.m. RutladerOutpostCowboyChurch Worship Services Every Tuesday 7 p.m.; Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>METHODIST</p> <p>Louisburg United Methodist Church — 249 N Metcalf Rd, Louisburg 913-837-2374, Sunday School 8:15 a.m.; Worship 9:30 a.m.; Pastor Kathy Symes</p> <p>NONDENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>The Porch Community Church — 305 S. 2nd St., Louisburg. 913-837-3787.</p>	<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>Cross Point Church — 112 Main St., Osawatomie. Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>BAPTIST</p> <p>Faith Baptist Church — Brown & Retan, Osawatomie. 913-755-2300.</p> <p>First Baptist — 8th & Brown, Osawatomie. 913-755-3483.</p> <p>Victory Baptist — 212 E. Main, Osawatomie. 913-755-4678.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN</p> <p>Fontana Christian — 38333 Hedge Lane, Fontana. 913-937-6456. www.fontanachristianchurch.org. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Adult & Youth Sun. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Pastor: Chris Shultz.</p> <p>METHODIST</p> <p>First United Methodist — 504 Pacific Ave., Osawatomie. 913-755-4774. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:35 a.m.; Rev. Hyun Ju Gil.</p> <p>WESTLEYAN</p> <p>The Well Wesleyan Church — 513 15th St. Osawatomie 913-594-3411</p>	<p>BAPTIST</p> <p>Antioch Community Baptist — 22668 S. Waverly Road, Spring Hill. 913-884-8144. www.antiochchurchspringhill.com. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School (adult & children) 9:30 a.m.; Children's Church 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Dinner 5:30 p.m.; Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NONDENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>Generation Bible Church — 20680 W 199th St., Spring Hill, KS 66083. 913-208-2869. Sundays: 9:30 AM Sunday school for all ages; Fellowship: 10:30; Service: 11:00; Tuesdays: 6:30 End Times bible study; Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:30 Pastor Jack Smith</p>



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Miami County Time Capsule

100 Years ago (1926)

The amount of live-stock shipped through the Henson Shipping Association in 1925 was 43 cars.

The Paola Butter Co. Is now operating at the new home just east of security garage, on Maple St.

That sale of Fred Kohler's Wednesday, at the farm 5 1/2 miles north-west of Paola, was the biggest sale ever held in Miami County. During the day, fully 2,000 people were at the sale. The total sale was \$8,002.03.

75 Years ago (1951)

The 21 charter members of the Paola Lions Club were honored at a regular meeting of the club Tuesday night. They are Dr. M. O. Clemmons, Frank C. Conway, William J. Lester, L. W. Lowe, Howard W. Sager, Woodrow Winkler, William Barkhurst, Lewis L. Corporon, Robert Lister, Jr., Willis H. McQueary, P. A. Pettit, O. E. Campbell, J. E. Crabtree, A. W. Johnson, Steven P. Russell, Roy Wilson, Frank L. Tomlinson, Leslie C. Kellogg, Fred Coon, Jack Tipton, and Ben Attebery.

According to an announcement made by Harry Sircus, three of his Paola garment factories have been selected to make 20,000 unlined suits for women of the United States Air Force. This is good news for Paola as it will mean greater activity in the garment factories.

Dean Huff has bought the stock and fixtures of the L-P Gas company and started operating the store at 108 W. Peoria Monday. The new business is known as the Huff Appliance Store.

The Meadow Brook Farm, two miles north of Osawatomie, formerly known as the Tabb farm, has been sold by Martin and Marion Gorman of Kansas City to Leonard C. Cowes of Bird City. This was one of the largest cash real estate deals ever transacted in Miami County. The highly improved 320 acre place has long been regarded as one of the finest in this area. The house is a very fine, completely modern, four bedroom home with a large rock fire place and glassed in sleeping porch.



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H. Jacobson, proprietor of the Gambles stores in Paola and Drexel, last Thursday bought the Edmundson Hardware store in Osawatomie. Dorman Cravens, who has been managing the Drexel store, will be the manager of the Osawatomie store. Mr. Jacobson came here from Herington seven years ago and lives on North Pearl.

50 Years ago (1976)

Dave Butel, Lana Fagg, Max Menefee and Chris Kettler won third place in livestock judging at the National Livestock show in Denver. They earned the honor of competing in the national FFA competition by being first in the Kansas state competition.

The Paola Dairy Queen and Queen's Choice Restaurant opens Monday Feb. 2 after being closed for the winter for nearly two months.

Francis Colbert met with Miami County Commissioners regarding the removal and disposal of the existing Shively Bridge. The 170-foot long structure is to be removed to make way for a new bridge.

New owners of Sherar's Clothing Store in Paola are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grabill and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Breckenridge. Retus Sherar sold the store upon his retirement after 54 years in the retail clothing business. The new owners are no strangers to the retail clothing business. Breckenridge, who followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and father when he entered the clothing business in 1969, also owns Breckenridges in Louisburg and Drexel. Grabill is the owner of Grabill's Department store on the southeast corner of

the square in Paola.

An immediate expansion of RWD No. 2 is being proposed by the officers and board of directors. On the drawing board are plans for 71 miles of new pipeline. The new pipelines will be from two to ten inches in diameter. Presently RWD No. 2 is serving 870 patrons and has a waiting list of 300 hookups.

Darrell Peckman has been elected a vice-president and advisory director of the First National Bank at Osawatomie. Other officers of the bank are Hattie Whiteford, chairman of the board; Ted E. Lewis, president; J. S. Whiteford, senior vice-president; Leo C. Budke, senior vice-president and cashier; Bonnie Wallace, vice-president; Gary Burgoon, vice-president; Connie Attebery, assistant cashier; Vicki Rhodes, assistant cashier; and JoAnn Cornett, assistant cashier. Directors are Budke, Burgoon, Lewis, Willis H. McQueary, John T. Slayman, Mrs. Whiteford, Whiteford, A. J. Wolken, Joe Fenoughty, and J. O. Huff.

25 Years ago (2001)

Plans are still on track for a new power plant south of Paola. Kinder Morgan Power Company officials say natural gas prices won't deter them from building. The Paola gas-fired plant would have a 550-megawatt capacity. That is enough power to supply a population of 300,000 with electricity.

Trustees of the Louis W. and Dolpha Baehr Charitable Foundation met earlier this month to approve contributions of \$133,150. All of the money will be given to

organizations in Miami County. The Baehr Foundation has donated about \$3 million since the first donations were made in 1968, said Kathy Lovig, the TeamBank trust officer who serves as secretary of the foundation.

After 14 years as a supervisor at the Paola Post Office, Glen Reed will leave this week to become the postmaster of Edgerton. Michael Hamilton, Paola postmaster, said that Mark Minden would serve as acting supervisor of customer service until a permanent successor to Reed is hired.

Stephen D. Hill recently marked two decades of service to the 6th Judicial District as a district judge. Hill first presided over district court in January 1981 and now serves as chief judge. Hill came to the bench on the appointment of Gov. John Carlin after serving as assistant Miami County attorney and Linn County attorney.

J. R.'s Western Store is closing to make way for more groceries. A going out of business sale will begin this week at the western store at 311 N. Hospital Drive and will continue through March 31. A remodeling crew will then go to work to expand the adjacent Price Chopper Grocery store into the J.R.'s space, said Jim Queen, whose family owns both businesses. We are feeling a lot of pressure to expand Price Chopper Queen said.

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Obituaries

RICK CAIN

Jan 8, 2026



Rick Cain, age 65, of Cleveland, MO, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at his home.

Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, January 23, 2026, at Dengel & Son Mortuary - Louisburg Chapel, 1 Aquatic Drive, Louisburg, KS 66053.

To read the full obituary or to leave a special message online, please visit www.DengelMortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made payable to Mission Driven Goods, c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, P.O. Box 669, Louisburg, Kansas 66053.

Arr: Dengel & Son Mortuary - Louisburg Chapel, 1 Aquatic Drive, Louisburg, KS 66053. 913-837-4310

RONALD HUSTED

Feb 5, 1943 - Jan 8, 2026



Ronald Dean Husted, 82, of Paola, KS passed away on January 8, 2026 at his home.

He was born on February 5, 1943 to Clifford and Dolores (Spears) Husted in Osawatomie, KS. He was their only child. Ron graduated from Paola High School, class of 1961. He attended Ottawa University before returning to Paola to begin his

work career.

He worked many labor intensive jobs beginning with the City of Paola Public Works. From there, Ron became a welder at Taylor Forge. He later worked at G.K. Smith and Sons before retiring as a plumber for Debrick Plumbing. He also worked as a carpenter and a roofer.

On June 7, 1963, Ron was united in marriage to Francis (Diane) Husted. They were married until Diane's passing in August 2024, having celebrated 61 years of marriage. To this union, two daughters were born, Robin and Jennifer, and one son, John.

At Robin's request in the late 1970s, Ron began coaching girls' softball. This became a passion of his which he continued until 2003. Ron loved coaching and often spent his winter evenings coaching pitchers in the local school gymnasiums. He was very proud of the many girls that he had coached that were able to attend college with a softball scholarship. Ron was instrumental in the formation of the Paola Girls Softball Association. He worked with the American Legion to acquire the land for the first girls' softball field, which became Julie Silver Field. After going to the bank to take out a personal loan for the materials, Ron, along with Gale Beckner, Karl Kelsey, Ted Moore, and Ernie Wilhoite went to work constructing the field. He cherished all of the good times that he had in softball.

Ron is survived by daughters, Robin (Brad) Ennis and Jennifer (Jeff) Haley, all of Paola. As well as six grandchildren, Shaylan Miller, Ashley Ludwick, Thaddeus Husted, Kenna Haley, Katie Haley, and Krista Haley and four great-grandchildren, Kelbi Miller, Rhett Miller, Wren Ludwick, Theo Ludwick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Diane and his son, John.

The family would like to acknowledge the comfort and aide that Good Shepherd Hospice provided Ron these past few years and in particular, in the final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to Foster Grandparents or Good Shepherd Hospice.

A visitation celebrating the lives of both Ron and Diane will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026 between 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Dengel & Son in Paola. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date.



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Champions of ideas



BY GREG DOERING
Kansas Farm Bureau



The Achievement Award. The state's voting delegates successfully lobbied to include policy supporting federal funding of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Laboratory in Manhattan to address current and emergent threats. And four county Farm Bureaus were selected to share programs they developed through AFBF's County Activities of Excellence (CAE) Awards. As part of the honor, the counties represented Kansas in the convention trade show and shared their award-winning programs with attendees from

across the country who could take those ideas back to their own communities. It's worth noting that only 24 counties were recognized, so Kansas accounted for one-sixth of the CAE trade show booths, consisting of the following programs: Atchison County: Started its Local Fresh for All program to provide gift certificates to the local farmers market for youth ages 9-19. Franklin County: Partnered with a local recreation commission to host the Ag Education Summer Series, which

facilitated and hosted lessons, demonstrations and farm tours over eight weeks in the summer. Jackson County: Created a Livestock Summit to strengthen knowledge of 4-H exhibitors on livestock selection, nutrition, showmanship and carcass evaluation. Meade County: Started the Silver Plate Project as a community-focused effort that provided shelf-stable and easy-to-prepare meals for senior citizens in rural areas to reduce food insecurity. Walking through the two dozen booths, it was impossible to point to one program or activity as the best, aside from our four home-grown honorees, of course. While the programs were broadly similar, they were also carefully tailored

to the specific needs identified by county Farm Bureaus. One program provided broad instruction to a general audience while another sought to educate a narrow group on specific topics. The other two counties identified those in need of nutritional assistance in their communities, even though the targets were at opposite ends of the spectrum in terms of age. They all started as good ideas, but ideas don't actually do anything on their own. They require the effort of individuals or groups to move beyond the theoretical and make it reality. Ideas are easy, but their execution requires more than just a belief. Ideas require champions if they are to make any real impact.

While these four ideas originated in Kansas, it was their champions who rightfully got the change to present on a national stage. The best ideas inspire others. Hopefully, these ideas will ignite new champions across the country who will borrow the goals and intentions and adapt them into projects tailored to their communities. Greg Doering spent his youth working with his grandparents on the Double H Ranch in southeast Kansas. Prior to joining Kansas Farm Bureau as a writer and photographer, he spent 12 years working at community journalism at papers in the northern Flint Hills. He and his wife live in Manhattan. He is one of multiple people who write an Insight Column for Kansas Farm Bureau.

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Osawatomie High School inducts hall of fame class of 2026

BY GENE MORRIS
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OSAWATOMIE – The Trojans' 1973 state championship football team, Mac Steele, Eddie West, Rick Stephens, Derrick Shelby, Crystal Walker Ecton and Jenny Snyder Cumpton were inducted into the Osawatomie High School Hall of Fame.

The Osawatomie Hall of Fame Class of 2026 was introduced between girls and boys varsity basketball games against Prairie View on Friday, Jan. 16.

Members of the hall of fame class were back at the high school on Saturday, Jan. 17, for a reception with their families and close friends held in the cafeteria.

The hall of fame ceremony moved to the school auditorium where they were greeted by a crowd of supporters.

"It was great to be able to have the inductees introduced at the game," said Jimmy Kerley, chairman of the Osawatomie Hall of Fame selection committee. "This gave the students a chance to hear about and see some absolute Trojan legends. I hope this motivates them to be the best version of themselves, whether it is as an athlete



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic

Eddie West receives a standing ovation after being inducted into the Osawatomie High School Hall of Fame Class of 2026 during an induction ceremony at the school auditorium Saturday, Jan. 17.

or whatever path they choose in life.

"I can't say enough how special it was to be in attendance on Saturday night," he said. "I love hearing the stories from the coaches of these amazing athletes and from the athletes themselves. It gives just a small glimpse of what it took to be amongst the best of the best in Trojan history."

1973 Trojans football team

The 1973 Osawatomie Trojans state championship football team was 12-0 with seven shutouts.

Osawatomie defeated Ulysses by a score of 15-0

in the state championship game. Shawnee Heights was the only team to post double digits against Osawatomie, falling 21-14 in the playoffs.

Seniors on the state title team were Ike Brady, Bo Bumgarner, Scott Cook, Bill Hammond, Derrick Jensen, Nelson Jordan, Gene Koger, Steve Lindsey, Chuck Marcum, Chad Montgomery, Frank Packard and Bob Pennock.

Juniors on the team were Stan Newcomb, Jim Self, Jack Welch and Buddy Zaman.

Sophomores were Tom Billinger, Don Brady, Jim Byard, Mike Conrad, Jack

Corlis, Chris Maimer and Dan Wendt.

Bill Freeman was the head coach. Assistant coaches were Troy Hodges and Bob Whitehead. Randy Newport was the manager.

Eddie West

One of the most inspirational moments from the evening was seeing Eddie West receive a standing ovation from the crowd upon receiving his hall of fame plaque.

"It is a wonderful thing that I am here at 88 years old," West said.

West was a four-year letterman in track and

field for the Osawatomie Trojans. He also lettered in football and basketball.

He won the broad jump in three meets in 1955. He placed first and second in the 220-yard dash.

During his senior season with the Osawatomie basketball team, West averaged 15.8 points per game.

He was an all-league running back for the Trojans. West topped 645 yards of total offense, including 230 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns.

West was a three-year starter for the Pittsburg State University football team, including the NAIA National Championship

team in 1957. He was first in the conference in the broad jump in 1959. He was second in 1956 and 1957 and fifth in 1958.

Mac Steele

Coach Mac Steele was coach of the Osawatomie High School football and basketball team for 34 years.

He had a record of 139-122 with 25 ties for the Trojan football team from 1926 to 1959. The Trojans were 8-1 in 1954 and 8-2 in 1947.

Steele coached the basketball program from 1927 to 1960. He was 231-228.

Steele, who the gymnasium is named after, has the most career wins as a coach in football and basketball. The Trojans were 14-1 in 1947 and 15-2 in 1927.

Rick Stephens

Rick Stephens, a member of the Class of 1973, signed with the University of Kansas to play football before tragically passing away three days before graduation.

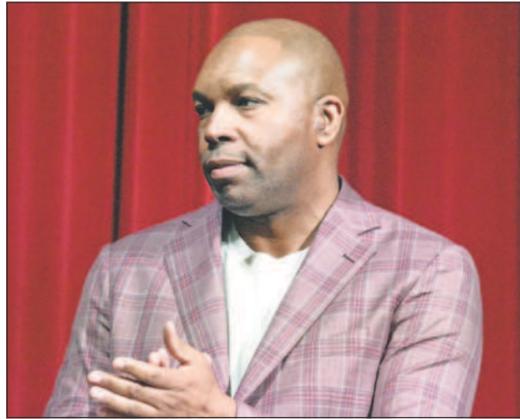
He was a three-year letter-winner in football and track and field. Stephens also lettered in wrestling. The 1973 track team won

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Crystal Walker Ecton talks about her career and those who helped mold it during Osawatomie High School Hall of Fame Class of 2026 induction at the school auditorium Saturday, Jan. 17.



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Derrick Shelby talks about being proud of the things he has done, but even more proud of what he has done for others during his induction into the Osawatomie High School Hall of Fame Class of 2026.



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Jenny Snyder Cumpton speaks about being blessed with her family, friends, teachers and coaches during her induction into the Osawatomie High School Hall of Fame.

Johnson wins 150th match on way to taking fourth Bobcat Classic title

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BASEHOR – Paola Panther Brock Johnson stood on the top of the podium at the Bobcat Classic for the fourth time in his high school career.

Johnson won the 144-pound title in the 44-team tournament that opened Friday, Jan. 16, and concluded Saturday, Jan. 17, at Basehor-Linwood High School.

Bodhi Shay placed third for the Paola Panthers at 165 pounds.

Lane Allen was fifth at 113 pounds.

Trace Metcalf finished seventh at 150 pounds.

Kayden Hendrickson was eighth at 215 pounds.

Paola placed eighth in the team standings with 115 points.

Johnson was 5-0 with

two technical falls and three pins. He also notched the 150th victory of his high school career during the tournament.

Johnson pinned Cash McVay of Rose Hill in the title match. He advanced to the finals with a pin against Luke Barmann of St. James.

Shay was 4-1 for third place at 165 pounds. He won a thrilling three-point, 10-7, sudden victory against Colin Moore of North Callaway (Missouri).

Shay scored an 11-0 major decision against Braun Stone of Columbus. Shay defeated Norm Johnson of Park Hill (Missouri) by a 12-4 decision. He had one pin and scored a 3-0 decision.

Allen was 4-2 with three pins for fifth place

at 113 pounds.

Metcalf went 4-2 for seventh place at 150 pounds. He won a 7-4 sudden victory, took a 3-1 decision, scored a 20-4 technical fall and posted one pin.

Hendrickson was 3-3 with three pins for eighth place at 215 pounds.

Sawyer Blue went 2-2 with a pin and a 17-2 technical fall at 120 pounds.

Hayden Cullor was 2-2 with a pin and a 7-4 sudden victory at 190 pounds.

Brody Latto was 1-2 with a pin at 157 pounds.

Kale Metcalf was 1-2 with a sudden victory at 138 pounds.

Nicholas Beidelschies was 0-2 at 106 pounds.

Elijah Younger was 0-2 at 175 pounds.

Prairie View Buffalos

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Paola Panther senior Brock Johnson won the 150th match of his high school career on the way to winning his fourth title in the Bobcat Classic at Basehor-Linwood High School.

1-2 with a 16-4 major decision at 120 pounds.

Gunner VanNorman went 1-2 with a pin at

126 pounds. One of his losses was a tough 6-5 decision against Liam Grover of Mill Valley.

Kale Page was 0-2 at 157 pounds.

Cooper Oliphant was 0-2 at 215 pounds.

Panthers fly past Tonganoxie for 74-50 victory

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PAOLA – Lane Hoffine, Steven Bassett and Hoyt Hoffine were in double figures as the Paola Panthers ran past Tonganoxie.

Paola opened the game with a 15-11 advantage and outscored Tonganoxie 20-16 in the second quarter for an eight-point lead, 35-27, at the intermission on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Panthers held a 17-12 edge in the third quarter and closed out the game with an 11 fourth-quarter run, posting a 74-50 victory.

Lane Hoffine led the Paola Panthers with 18 points. He made six field goals with one 3-pointer and sank five of



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic
Paola senior post player Hoyt Hoffine drives for a layup against Tonganoxie on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

nine from the free-throw line.

Bassett scored 17 points. He sank six field goals with one 3-pointer. Bassett was four for six from the

free-throw line. Hoyt Hoffine had 12 points. He made five field goals with one 3-pointer and added one free throw.

Gannon Miller posted nine points. Landon Murdock had seven points. Emmitt Blackmore finished with six points.

Troy Leonard, Matthew Nance and Leland Gerken also scored.

The Panthers made 26 field goals, inducing four 3-pointers. Paola sank 18 of 32 from the free-throw line.

The Tonganoxie Chieftains sank 18 field goals with nine 3-pointers. Tonganoxie made five of nine from the free-throw line.

The Paola Panthers are in action this week on the road



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic
Paola sophomore guard Landon Murdock soars on his layup drive against Tonganoxie on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

in the annual Burlington Invitational.

Paola at Ottawa

The Paola Panthers defeated the Ottawa Cyclones on the road Friday, Jan. 16, by 10 points, 58-48.

Paola improved to 6-4 with the victory. The Panthers love the road this season, going 3-1 through four away games. Paola is 3-3 at home.

The Paola Panthers avenged a 54-43 home loss against Ottawa during their first meeting of the season Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Paola is 3-3 in Frontier League action.



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Lane Hoffine, a Paola senior post player, goes up for an inside basket against Tonganoxie on Tuesday, Jan. 13.



Paola junior guard Gannon Miller leaps as he challenges a Tonganoxie post player during a Frontier League game at home Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Pitzer celebrates birthday week with pair of double-figure games



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic
Paola senior guard Amanda Pitzer drives the lane against Tonganoxie on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Pitzer scored a team-high 14 points in the game.

BY GENE MORRIS
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PAOLA – Senior guard Amanda Pitzer celebrated the week of her 18th birthday with back-to-back double-figure games.

Pitzer posted a team-high 14 points in a hard-fought, 58-26, loss at home against Tonganoxie, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

She scored 20 of Paola's 32 points in a four-point, 36-32, loss against Burlington on Friday, Jan. 9.

Paola had an uphill battle in the loss against Tonganoxie. The Lady Panthers trailed 17-4 at the end of the first quarter and 31-11 at the intermission.

Pitzer scored 11 of Paola's 11 points in the first half. She sank one field goal in the first quarter. Pitzer made three field goals in the second quarter, including one 3-pointer.

The third quarter was a two-point margin, with Paola being outscored by a 13-11 edge. Pitzer made two field goals with one 3-pointer. Finley Heinrich sank two field goals for four points.

Forward Elli Smail led Paola with four points in the fourth quarter.

Pitzer led Paola with 14 points. She made six field goals with a pair of 3-pointers.

Heinrich and Smail each had four



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic
Paola junior forward Ashlyn Katzer battles for the ball against Tonganoxie at home Tuesday, Jan. 13.

points. Halli Ball and Bryn Sanders also scored.

The Lady Panthers made 10 field goals with two 3-pointers. Paola sank three of four from the free-throw line.

The Paola Lady Panthers fell to 0-8 with the loss.

Paola vs Bonner Springs

Amanda Pitzer scored a game-high 20 points for Paola in a heartbreaking 36-32 loss against Bonner Springs on Friday, Jan. 9.

Paola was outscored 9-6 in the first quarter but rallied with a 10-7 edge in the second quarter for a 16-16 tie at

the intermission.

Paola was outscored 10-7 in the third quarter and fell by a final of 36-32.

Pitzer made seven field goals with a pair of 3-pointers. She shot four of nine from the free-throw line.

Halli Ball scored eight points. She made three field goals with one 3-pointer and added one free throw.

Lola Conales and Elli Smail also scored.

Paola made 11 field goals in the game, including four 3-pointers. The Lady Panthers sank six of 15 from the free-throw line.

Stanchfield named All-American offensive lineman

BY GENE MORRIS
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PITTSBURG – Offensive lineman Carter Stanchfield is an All-American.

Stanchfield, a senior captain at Pittsburg State University, was a second-team All-American selection by the Associated Press.

He was a first-team D2CCA All-Regional selection. Stanchfield was named first-team offensive line by the MIAA conference.

Stanchfield, a redshirt senior, recently closed out his collegiate career after five seasons with the Pittsburg State program. He is a graduate of Paola High School, where he played on the line for the Panther football team.

He graduated from Pittsburg State University with a degree in finance. He is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Stanchfield and his Pittsburg State University teammates won the MIAA conference title in 2025. He also played on conference title teams with the Gorillas in 2022 and 2023.

He was named Academic All-District, MIAA Academic Honor Roll, and won an MIAA Academic Excellence Award for having a 4.0 grade-point average.

He was part of an offensive line that has opened holes for the Gorillas to rush the ball for more than 2,300 yards this season,

averaging 195 yards per game. Pittsburg State has a total offense of 417 yards per game and 5.9 yards per play.

Stanchfield was a first-team Kansas Class 4A All-State performer his senior year. Stanchfield was third-team All-State All-Class, making him one of the top 33 linemen in the state. He was a Kansas Shrine Bowl selection for the Paola Panthers.

He started playing flag football in kindergarten and tackle football in second grade. Stanchfield has been playing ever since.

Stanchfield was a four-year member of the Paola Panthers football program. He was an all-league, all-state and All-Tri-County Spotlight selection on both sides of the ball for offensive and defensive line.

He was selected to represent the Paola Panthers in the annual Kansas Shrine Bowl game.

Stanchfield had one of the more dominant seasons for a lineman in recent history. He was named a semifinalist for the Simone Award, as well as being a Bobby Bell semifinalist.

He opened holes up front for a Paola offense that ran the ball 401 times for 3,091 yards, averaging 7.60 yards per carry. Stanchfield made 32 tackles with five tackles for a loss of yardage and two quarterback sacks.

Stanchfield was selected for the Topeka Capital-Journal All-State Football Team,



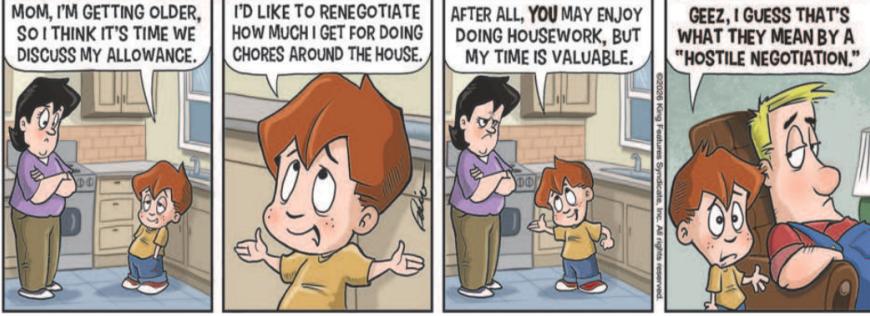
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Pittsburg State offensive lineman Carter Stanchfield, a Paola graduate, was recently named an All-American lineman by the Associated Press.

making him one of the top 33 players in the state of Kansas. He was a second-team selection on the All-Simone All-Metro

Football Team. Heading into the season, Stanchfield was named one of the Sports In Kansas Top 100 Seniors.

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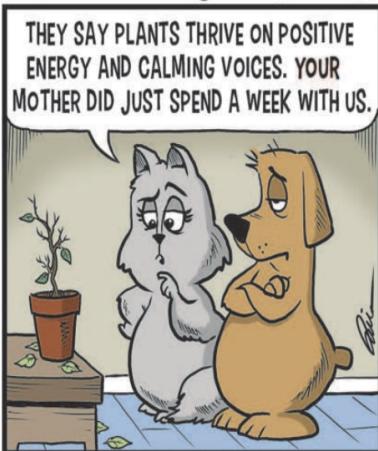
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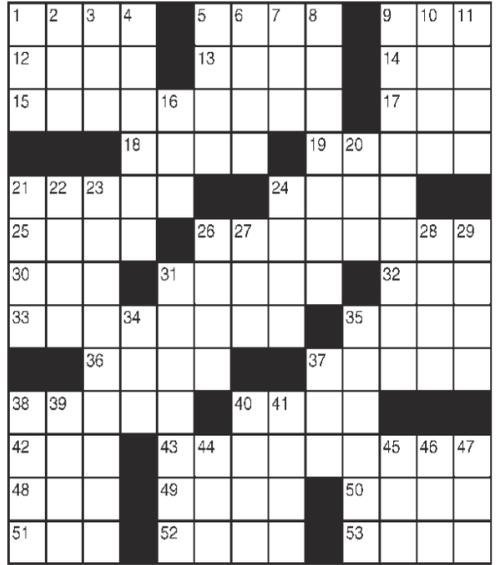
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TODAY'S WORD: _____

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ACROSS

- 1 Melville captain
- 5 Bottle part
- 9 Schlep
- 12 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 13 Jai —
- 14 Navarro on "The View"
- 15 Tangy fruit pie
- 17 White wine cocktail
- 18 Night light?
- 19 Comic Chase
- 21 Prove untrue
- 24 Converse
- 25 With (Fr.)
- 26 Woo with a tune
- 30 Rule, for short
- 31 Ohio's "Rubber Capital"
- 32 Crone
- 33 Genius
- 35 Speck
- 36 Fireplace fuel
- 37 Golf great Sam
- 38 "Untrue!"
- 40 Stated
- 42 Jargon suffix
- 43 Small digit
- 48 "Caught ya!"
- 49 Leading man?
- 50 McGregor of film



- 8 Chef's workplace
- 9 Sierra Nevada resort
- 10 Prof's employer
- 11 Actor Sinise
- 16 Born abroad?
- 20 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 21 Biting remark
- 22 Always
- 23 Defendant's defenders
- 24 Gator's kin
- 26 Takes to the slopes
- 27 Epoch
- 28 Facts and figures
- 29 "Zounds!"
- 31 Luanda resident
- 34 Cyclades isle
- 35 Truly
- 37 Part of RSVP
- 38 Tide type
- 39 Job-safety org.
- 40 Male deer
- 41 \$ dispensers
- 44 Journalist
- 45 Pair
- 46 Feedback bit
- 47 USN rank

DOWN

- 1 The whole enchilada
- 2 Weed whacker
- 3 Branch
- 4 Having superhuman strength, say
- 5 Post-WWII alliance
- 6 Flair
- 7 Lot vehicle

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who was the first Canadian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods?
- LANGUAGE: Which language is the second most spoken in Canada?
- HISTORY: Which explorer sailed around Africa to discover a trade route between Europe and India?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- GAMES: In what year was the original Pac-Man video game released?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town where "Hart of Dixie" is set?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which popular fruit has seeds on the outside?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is the common name for alopecia?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country are the Cliffs of Moher located?

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Today's Word

1. Imply; 2. Shade; 3. Yellow; 4. Attire

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1. Imply; 2. Shade; 3. Yellow; 4. Attire

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

1. Short story author Alice Munro, 2013
 2. Mount Olympus
 3. French
 4. Vasco da Gama
 5. Bruner
 6. 1980
 7. Bluebell, Alabama
 8. Strawberries
 9. Hair loss
 10. Ireland



Jenny Snyder Cumpton



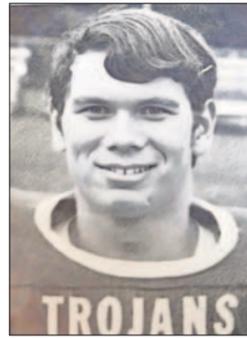
Crystal Walker Ecton



Derrick Shelby



Mac Steele



Rick Stephens



Eddie West

HALL OF FAME

Continued from B1

the Pioneer League Championship.

Stephens was fourth in the state in the shot put. The Trojans were runner-up in the regional meet where he placed first in the shot put and first in the discus. He was the league champion in the shot and the discus.

More than 50 years later, Stephens still holds the school record in the shot with a mark of 56 feet.

He won 22 gold medals in his high school track and field career.

Stephens was first-team All-Pioneer League at running back and defensive tackle. He ran for 784 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Stephens was introduced by David Platt.

"Speaking about our rivalry with Paola, I was a classmate of Rick Stephens, and over our last two years we beat Paola by a combined score of 97-12," Platt said. "Our senior year Rick rushed for 114 yards on 15 carries with four touchdowns.

"Rick also played a key role on our defensive line," Platt said. "Our defensive line held Paola to minus 22 yards on the ground and their total offense for that game was 84 yards. He outgained their

whole team by 30 yards."

Stephens was a humble man, Platt said. It was never about him, but the Osawatومية Trojans team.

Derrick Shelby

Derrick Shelby, a member of the Class of 1991, earned two school letters in basketball and three letters in track and field.

During his senior season, Shelby led the league in scoring, averaging 25 points per game with 525 points on the season. He was named first-team, All-State Class 4A by the Wichita Eagle and was first-team all-league.

Shelby topped 20 points in a game 14 times. He has 30 points or more six times and posted 40 points or more twice.

He scored a school record 60 points in a 107-60 victory against Prairie View. Shelby made 12 3-pointers in the game, tying a state record. He sank 95 3-pointers during the season, which is more than any other Osawatومية Trojan made in their entire career.

Osawatومية was 46-21 during his three seasons with the varsity team and 34-14 during his two seasons as a starter.

Shelby ran on the league champion 4x100-meter relay team. He was second in the triple jump and third in the long jump as the Trojans won the league title. Shelby was a three-time state



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Jimmy Kerley (left), chairman of the Osawatومية High School Hall of Fame selection committee, presents Rick Stephens' plaque to Mr. and Mrs. David Platt.

qualifier.

He has coached eight NBA players and 25 NCAA Division I college basketball players in the AAU circuit.

Shelby played college basketball at Allen County, the University of Texas Arlington and Friends University.

Shelby was introduced by coach Dan Welch.

"As good of a basketball player as he was, he was an even better person" Welch said.

His record 60 point-game still stands as the Osawatومية Trojans single-game record.

"First of all I want to thank God," Shelby said. "I want to thank my parents for all of the sacrifices they made. I want to thank my church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, where my foundation began here in Osawatومية. I want to thank the committee. I want to thank the two men who coached me my entire

career, coach Dave French and coach Dan Welch. Thank you both for all you poured into me. You can never underestimate the value of having a coach who believes in you. They changed my life."

"I am proud of a lot of things I have done," Shelby said. "But, I am most proud of what I have done for somebody else. It is truly amazing what God can do for you when you bless other people."

Crystal Walker Ecton

Crystal Walker Ecton lettered in volleyball, basketball and softball at Osawatومية High School.

She helped lead the Lady Trojans basketball team to third place in the state tournament. Walker Ecton was first-team All-State Class 4A her senior season (1997-98).

Walker Ecton finished her career with 1,585 points. She averaged 22.5 points and 10

rebounds per game. Walker Ecton topped 30 points in a game six times with a career high of 36 points.

The Osawatومية girls basketball team was 62-32 during her high school career and 41-9 her final two seasons.

She played collegiate volleyball at the University of Kansas for two years. Walker Ecton transferred to Washburn University and played basketball and volleyball.

She was inducted into the Washburn University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.

Walker Ecton was introduced by coach Kinda Williams, who came to Osawatومية to coach basketball in 1992.

"My first season we barely won two basketball games and I think they were both in overtime," Williams said. "I told myself, next year, whatever athlete walks through that door, they are starting."

"Crystal came into my life two years after I had been here," she said. "I kept hearing about her. Everyone kept telling me about this junior high kid. You are going to love this kid. I went and watched and said yeah, I think I am going to love that junior high kid. When Crystal walked into the gym things changed. A lot of things changed."

Walker elevated everyone on the court, Williams said. She came in with an amazing attitude and an amazing work ethic. She was a leader. She was humble. She was just the most wonderful person and had the most wonderful smile. She was aggressive and determined. You could not stop Crystal."

Walker Ecton helped lead the Lady Trojans to third place in the Class 4A state tournament.

"I have very positive memories of growing up in Osawatومية," Walker Ecton said. "My classmates and I were blessed with great teachers, coaches and administrators. I want to thank those who were able to be here tonight. My family, friends, teammates and coaches. It is an honor to be inducted into this class with so many notable Trojan alumni."

Jenny Snyder Cumpton

Jenny Snyder Cumpton, a member of the Class of 2003, earned four letters in track and field and three in volleyball.

Snyder Cumpton held six track and field school records when she graduated. She still holds five of the records. She is the school record holder in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles.

She won 12 state track and field medals, including six gold medals. Snyder Cumpton captured 10 regional gold medals and 10 league gold medals. She was a state champion in the 100-meter hurdles, 200-meters and 300-meter hurdles.

Snyder Cumpton went to Wichita State University on a track and field scholarship. Snyder Cumpton was introduced by track coach Brad Dolloff.

Dolloff said he was blessed to coach Cumpton. He

said everyone knew she was a special talent.

"I have never personally coached an athlete with the ability, perseverance and the accomplishments of Jennifer Snyder Cumpton," Dolloff said. "I was introduced to Jenny by coach Rodney Madden. Jenny was walking towards us and coach Madden said, very prophetically, there will be your next state champion hurdler."

"That moment speaks not only to his abilities as a coach, but his humility as a man," Dolloff said. "A more selfish individual, knowing the abilities of this young woman, would have coached her just for the recognition that went along with that. But Rod asked me to coach the sprinters and the hurdlers. That is who Rod Madden was and is. He is a tremendous man."

Dolloff said there was a meet during her freshman year that changed everything for Snyder Cumpton. She was entering a meet against a senior state medalist in Missouri from Harrisonville.

She ran a really good race but she came in second. She found coach Dolloff after the race, crying and upset.

"I told Jenny she had a choice to make," he said. "She could be an ordinary high school student who enjoys track and field or she could be a committed student athlete and accomplish some things no one else has seen. She came up to me with a determined look on her face and said I am going to be an athlete."

Her senior year, Snyder Cumpton qualified for state in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and 200 dash and 4x400 relay. She qualified for state in all four events, including the 300 hurdles and the 200 dash back-to-back.

She asked if there was anything she needed to know going into the 200 dash.

"We just looked at her and said Jenny, there are five teams that are close contention for only three state trophies and all five of them have someone in the 200," he said. "Guess what we saw. That same look of determination. She looked right up at coach Madden and I and simply said, OK."

"She was assigned lane one, the second slowest qualifying time going in the finals," Dolloff said. "The gun went off and we watched Jenny Snyder chase down every single athlete in that field. She ran over a full second faster than she ever had in the 200 and she finished that race as the state champion."

Osawatومية placed second in the state track and field meet.

"I want to thank everyone for doing this and honoring me with this achievement," Snyder Cumpton said. "It truly means the world to me."

"I want to thank my parents," she said. "I could not have accomplished anything without you. I truly appreciate your time and effort and our long days at track because I used to run the first event and the last one. Thank you to my high school coaches for always working with me, believing in me and pushing me to be a better athlete."



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Members of the Osawatومية 1973 state championship football team take center court between basketball games on Friday, Jan. 16. The team was officially inducted into the Osawatومية High School Hall of Fame during a celebration at the school auditorium Saturday, Jan. 17.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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RUTH SIMONS
PAOLA SPIRIT SQUAD SENIOR

Ruth Simons is one of four senior captains on the Paola spirit squad. Simons helped lead the Paola team to the Class 4A KSHSAA game day cheer competition state championship. Paola, back-to-back state champions, has won the title four times in the last five years.

LANCE CALLAHAN
LOUISBURG BASKETBALL JUNIOR

Louisburg junior Lance Callahan scored a team-high 15 points in a road loss against Bonner Springs. He made six field goals with three 3-pointers in the game.

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Osawatomie forward Jayla Mayo battles Prairie View's Kelsee Haupt for a rebound.

Hampson, Palmer lead Lady Trojans past Prairie View

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OSAWATOMIE – Senior forward Maddie Hampson and senior guard Lexie Palmer combined for 24 points to lead the Osawatomie Lady Trojans to a home victory against the Prairie View Lady Buffalos.

Hampson scored 13 points in a 39-28 victory Friday, Jan. 16. She made five field goals, including two 3-pointers, and one free throw.

Palmer sank five field goals with one 3-pointer,



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Osawatomie guard Avaya O'Brien drives to the basket for a layup against Prairie View.

posting 11 points. The Osawatomie Lady Trojans improved to 3-6 with the victory. Prairie View fell to 1-5 with the loss.

Osawatomie went on a 10-4 run in the first quarter. Prairie View held a 6-5 edge in the second quarter.

The Lady Trojans went on a 16-6 run in third quarter. Osawatomie sealed the win with an 8-5 advantage in the fourth quarter.

Senior guard Macy Barnett, senior forward Angel Brown, sophomore guard Avaya O'Brien, sophomore guard Mackenna



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Osawatomie guard Mackenna Minden dives to keep a ball in bounds for the Lady Trojans against Prairie View.

Minden and freshman forward Charlee Lawless also scored.

Kelsee Haupt led Prairie View with eight points. Laramie Stevens, Maci Britz, Kadence Lueker, Rilee Hopper and Kiersten McCarty also scored.

Osawatomie vs Anderson County

The Osawatomie Lady Trojans defeated Anderson County in triple overtime, 59-58, in a thriller before

the Christmas break.

Osawatomie senior Madison Hampson sank a 3-pointer at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime on Thursday, Dec. 18.

With the Osawatomie Lady Trojans in foul trouble, players came off the bench and delivered in overtime for the victory.

Lexie Palmer led the Trojans with 15 points. Palmer made six field goals and added three free throws.

Hampson scored 12 points. She sank two 3-pointers, including a clutch shot at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

Charlee Lawless hit double figures with 10 points. She made a pair of 3-pointers.

Macy Barnett had seven points. Heidi Grother, Avaya O'Brien, Jayla Mayo, Sydney Powell, Rylee Cook and Mackenna Minden also scored.



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Donavyn Gibson, an Osawatomie junior, goes up for an inside basket against Prairie View on Friday, Jan. 16. Gibson scored a game-high 24 points in a 76-58 victory.



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Osawatomie junior forward Westley Tanck blocks a pass by Prairie View junior Brody Wilcox on Friday, Jan. 16.



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Osawatomie junior forward Blaine Flanagan takes an inside shot against Prairie View junior Anthony Dokolas on Friday, Jan. 16.

Trojans use 26-9 fourth-quarter run to defeat rival Buffalos

BY GENE MORRIS
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OSAWATOMIE – With the Osawatomie Hall of Fame Class of 2026 in the stands, the Trojans rallied with a 26-9 fourth-quarter run to defeat rival Prairie View.

The Osawatomie Hall of Fame Class of 2026 was introduced between varsity girls and varsity boys games on Friday, Jan. 16. The hall of fame class was celebrated during a reception and

program at the auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 17. (See related story.)

Early in the third quarter, the game was knotted at 44-44. The Osawatomie Trojans pulled away in the fourth quarter to win the game by 18 points, 76-58.

Osawatomie went on an 18-11 run to open the game. Prairie View battled back with a 22-19 edge in the second quarter to make it a four-point game, 37-33, at the intermission.

Every time the

Osawatomie Trojans hit a big shot in the second quarter, the Prairie View Buffalos had an answer. Prairie View sank five 3-pointers in the quarter to keep things close.

Prairie View held a one-point, 14-13, edge in the third quarter to pull within three points.

Osawatomie junior guard Donavyn Gibson had a steal and a layup for the Trojans to make it 54-47 just 77 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Gibson drilled a 3-pointer 39 seconds later to make it a 10-point game at 57-47.

Osawatomie made some big shots the rest of the way including an inside basket from senior post player Jaxon Stevenson, a layup by Gibson and a baseline 3-pointer by senior guard Jack Burchett to seal the home victory.

The Osawatomie Trojans ran their record to 7-2 with the victory. The Prairie View Buffalos fell to 0-9 with the loss.

Gibson led the Osawatomie Trojans with 24 points. He sank 10 field goals with one 3-pointer and added three free throws.

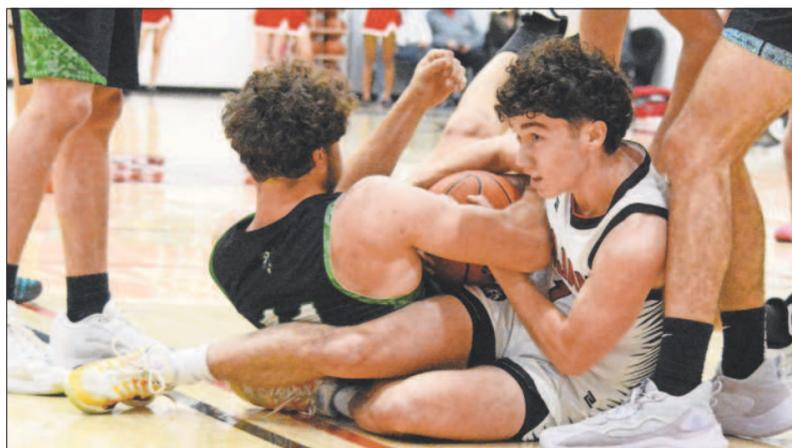
Senior guard Jasper Sallee, junior post player Blaine Flanagan and Stevenson all hit double figures offensively. Sallee scored 15 points. Flanagan posted 12 points. Stevenson finished with 11 points.

Senior guard Devon Spigno, junior forward Westley Tanck and Burchett also scored. Junior Anthony Dokolas



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Osawatomie senior post player Jaxon Stevenson pulls down a rebound against Prairie View on Friday, Jan. 16.



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Jack Burchett, an Osawatomie senior, battles for a loose ball against Prairie View on Friday, Jan. 16.

led the Prairie View Buffalos with 22 points. He made seven field goals with five 3-pointers and added three free throws.

Senior post player Hopper posted 15 points. Junior Matthew Stolle and sophomore Jayce Williams each had seven points. Brody Beattie, Erick Grove and Brody Wilcox also scored.

Osawatomie vs Burlington

Jasper Sallee scored 40 points for the Osawatomie Trojans in a 66-57 loss at Burlington on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Jack Burchett posted eight points. Blaine Flanagan, Donavyn Gibson, and Jaxon Stevenson also scored.

Crossley running after dreams with Rockhurst University track team

BY GENE MORRIS
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LOUISBURG – Kendall Crossley is living proof there is more than one road to every dream.

Crossley, a Louisburg senior, was a talented gymnast with collegiate aspirations and beyond when an injury ended her career.

What did Crossley do? She found a new focus on the track, running after her own personal records one meet at a time.

Now, she is using track and field to chase down her dreams of becoming a physical therapist, signing a national letter of intent to join the program at Rockhurst University.

"It feels rewarding and validating that my consistent hard work and dedication over the years had paid off," Crossley said.

Rockhurst University recruited Crossley to run in the sprinting events. She will run the 60-meter

dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays.

"I chose Rockhurst for its reputation in academics, especially as someone who is interested in becoming a physical therapist," she said. "Between the athletic offer and the academic program I will be entering into, it made Rockhurst the perfect fit."

She had a promising gymnastics career cut short by an elbow injury.

Crossley used that to springboard herself into track and field.

"After a very successful gymnastics career, which spanned nine years, I decided to give other sports a try after the elbow injury," she said.

She started running track and field at Louisburg Middle School when she was in seventh grade.

During the summer of her eighth-grade school year, Crossley joined the



Photo Courtesy of Andy Brown

Louisburg senior Kendall Crossley poses for pictures with some of her track and field medals. Crossley, a sprinter, signed a national letter of intent to join the Rockhurst University track and field program.

Hot Feet Club based out of Overland Park with coach JT Collor.

She will be entering her fourth season with the Louisburg High School Lady Cats track and field team this spring.

Crossley won a state track and field medal last season with the Louisburg 4x100-meter relay team, placing fourth in Class 4A. She also took home a state medal in the 100-meter dash with an eighth-place finish. Crossley qualified for state in the 4x400-meter relay and the 200-meter dash.

"My time at Louisburg

has given me the ability to compete against talented athletes across the state," Crossley said. "I'm thankful for the athletes who came before me and have given me times to chase and records to pursue."

"My favorite things about track and field are developing friendships with my teammates and watching each other find success," she said. "There is also no better feeling than accomplishing goals and meeting expectations you've set for yourself."

Kendall is the daughter of Shawn Crossley and Elizabeth Scott.



Photo Courtesy of Andy Brown

Louisburg senior Kendall Crossley has no intention of hanging up her spikes any time soon, signing with Rockhurst University for track and field.

Kansas BASEBALL
MICHAEL J. TRAVIS

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Bubba Starling, who lives in Hillsdale and is a former No. 1 draft pick by the Kansas City Royals, is among the athletes with Kansas ties featured in Michael J. Travis' book "Kansas Baseball."

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Kansas Baseball author shares stories of the game during visit to Miami County Historical Museum

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PAOLA – A room of men, women and children spent the afternoon talking baseball at the Miami County Historical Museum as writer Michael J. Travis shared stories from his new book, "Kansas Baseball."

The celebration of baseball Saturday, Jan. 17, was one of the largest crowds of the season for the museum.

Travis talked about some of the big names of Major League Baseball like Walter Johnson, Mickey Mantle, statistician Bill James and the not-so-well-known names of people who left an impact on the game as well like Bobby "The Rope" Boyd, Alex

Hugo and local star Bubba Starling.

Walter Johnson, a Hall of Fame pitcher for the Washington Senators from 1907 to 1927, was born in Humboldt, Kan. Johnson was not the flamethrower he once was in 1924, but the man who won 417 games had enough left in the tank to lead the Senators to the team's only World Series title in a thrilling extra-inning Game 7.

Johnson pitched in relief to earn the victory, securing the World Series four games to three.

His wife, Hazel, said the 1924 World Series Game 7 was much more than a baseball game for her husband. Chasing his first World Series ring, the game was life or death.

Johnson pitched 531 complete games. He had 110 shutouts.

Former Paola Mayor Artie Stuteville is related to Johnson. Her grandson,



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Michael J. Travis, author of "Kansas Baseball," shares stories of men and women from the state and their impact on the game during a visit to the Miami County Historical Museum on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Caden Marcum, pitches at Ohio State University.

Mantle, who once played for the Kansas City Blues, was not sure if he could make it in the Major Leagues and talked to his father about quitting. After visiting with his father, Mickey came out of his slump and went on to be a Hall-of-Famer for the New York Yankees.

Mantle's roommate one summer for minor league baseball was the late Dick Gilman, former longtime coach and athletic director at Paola High School. When Mantle signed with the New York Yankees, they ran a picture of him in the Kansas City Star. The photograph, however, was not Mantle but in fact, it was Dick Gilman.

James, who lives in Lawrence, is well known for his love of the game of baseball and every stat imaginable.

His knowledge of the game and using stats to evaluate players helped the Boston Red Sox end their World Series curse of the Bambino, winning the crown in 2004. Boston added crowns in 2007, 2013 and 2018.

Boyd, who made his debut with the Chicago White Sox in 1951, had a knack for hitting line drives. He battled .300 with that swing and earned the nickname "The Rope."

He served in the United States Army in World War II and played for the Memphis Red Sox in the Negro Leagues.

Boyd never got his due with the White Sox, playing in the Minor Leagues despite his line drive bat and .300 average over four seasons.

He finally got his shot with Baltimore when the Orioles selected him in the Rule 5 draft in 1956 as an every day first baseman, batting .318 in 1957 and .309 in 1958.

"I spent a lot more time in the minors than I thought I would or I wanted to," Boyd once told reporters. "The beginning of games was majestic to me because of all of pomp and circumstance."

Alex Hugo, who played softball at Olathe South, was an All-American second baseman with the Georgia Bulldogs. She

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Corn	\$3.90	\$3.83
Milo, ct	\$3.24	\$3.03
Soybeans	\$9.90	\$9.88
Wheat, hard	\$4.36	\$4.27
Wheat, soft	\$4.14	\$4.10

Quoted by Bechner Grain on Monday afternoon.

LIVESTOCK PRICES

Prices paid for cattle at Paola Livestock Auction

STEERS

Weight	Average	High
250 - 399 #	no test	
400 - 499 #	\$490.00	\$540.00
500 - 599 #	\$470.00	\$555.00
600 - 699 #	\$409.00	\$449.00
700 - 799 #	\$386.00	\$409.00
800 - 899 #	\$353.00	\$377.00
900 - 999 #	no test	

HEIFERS

Weight	Average	High
300 - 399 #	\$401.00	\$425.00
400 - 499 #	\$392.00	\$450.00
500 - 599 #	\$390.00	\$465.00
600 - 699 #	\$361.00	\$390.00
700 - 799 #	\$322.00	\$330.00
800 - 899 #	\$297.00	\$310.00
900 - 999 #	no test	

BULL CALVES

Weight	Average	High
400 - 499 #	no test	
500 - 599 #	no test	
600 - 699 #	no test	

BUTCHER COWS

High Yielding	\$156.00 to \$168.00
Medium	\$141.00 to \$155.50
Low Yielding	\$126.00 to \$140.50

BUTCHER BULLS

From	\$172.50 to \$230.00
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KANSAS BASEBALL

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went on to play for the USA Women's National Baseball Team. Hugo later became a roving instructor with the Oakland Athletics.

Derek "Bubba" Starling grew up in Gardner-Edgerton where he was a three-sport superstar excelling in football, basketball and baseball with

the Trailblazers.

Starling, who now resides in Hillsdale, could do it all on the athletic field. He could run for 250 yards as quarterback for Gardner-Edgerton, dunk 10 or 12 times in a basketball game and was a five-tool player on the diamond with a raw power, blazing speed, a great glove and a strong arm.

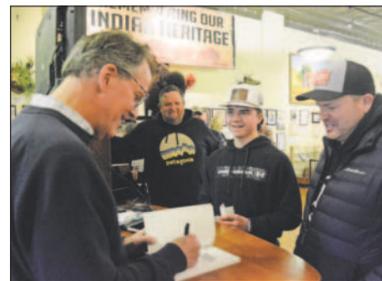
The Kansas City Royals drafted Starling with their first pick in the 2011 draft. He was an all-star in the Appalachian League in 2012 and a Pacific Coast League (AAA) all-star in 2019. He made his Major League debut

with the Kansas City Royals in 2019, getting his first Major League base hit on July 13, an RBI single which tied the game in a victory for the home team.

Starling went on to win a silver medal with the USA Men's Olympic Baseball Team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games held in 2021 due to COVID-19.

Travis is a lifelong baseball fan cheering for the Boston Red Sox in the 1967 and 1975 World Series.

Living in Kansas now, his family members are huge Royals fans rooting for hometown stars Bobby Witt Jr. and Salvador Perez.



Gene Morris / Miami County Republic

Michael J. Travis, author of "Kansas Baseball," signs copies of his book for fans following a presentation at the Miami County Historical Museum on Saturday, Jan. 17.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Trust Bank fka Branch Banking & Trust Plaintiff, vs Elizabeth E. Dean; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Elizabeth E. Dean, Defendants. Case No. MI-2025-CV-000179 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 **NOTICE OF SUIT** The State Of Kansas, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors,

PUBLIC NOTICE

administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, exec-

PUBLIC NOTICE

utors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned. You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Miami County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate: **LOT 15, BLOCK 1, PARK HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS**, commonly known as 1120 Main St, Osawatomie, KS 66064 (the "Property") and all those defendants

PUBLIC NOTICE

who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the February 17, 2026, in the District Court of Miami County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Prepared By: SouthLaw, P.C. Blair T. Gisi (KS # 24096) 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 (913) 663-7899 (Fax) Blair.Gisi@southlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff (255810) Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 7, 14 and 21, 2026 4173050

PUBLIC NOTICE

The legal owner of the following vehicle has until 5pm on February 4th 2026 to claim and settle all charges at 6849 West 311th Street in Louisburg KS 66053 or it will be auctioned on February 5th 2026 at 8am. VIN # 1C6RR7LT0DS649519 Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 21 and 28, 2026 4204380

PLEASE PUT UNDER PUBLIC NOTICE:

UNITS: K16, J1, J5, J22 & T4 WILL BE AUCTIONED. LOCATION AT OUTBACK STORAGE. 1098 E SANTA FE, GARDNER, KS ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 2026 AT 10AM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER TO SATISFY OPERATOR'S LIEN AFFIDAVIT.

THANKS OCTAVIA OUTBACK STORAGE Octavia Crist Outback Storage 913-856-7773 Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 21, 2026 4213100

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OFFICIAL NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the Paola Planning Commission, at the Paola Justice Center, 805 N Pearl, Paola, Kansas, will consider the request from JDC Motor Group LLC for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an Auto Dealership in the Thoroughfare Access Zoning District. A full legal description and application details are available at City Hall, 19 E. Peoria, Paola, Kansas, during regular business hours. Call 259-3611 for more information. As provided in the Land Development Ordinance of Paola, Kansas, the above application will be discussed and considered by the Paola Planning Commission, and all persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time.

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City of Spring Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant Public Notice

The City of Spring Hill will be constructing a new wastewater treatment plant to accommodate future growth and development. The improvements will be funded through a variety of bonds, grants, and loans. The wastewater improvements will be partially funded under the low interest State Loan Fund (SRF) Program through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Additional funding will be under the low interest Federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) through the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Loan applications will include funding for the following improvements:

Construct a new Wastewater Treatment Plant with a treatment capacity of 5 million gallons per day.

The total project cost is estimated at \$130 million. The anticipated amount of the SRF loan application request will be \$30 million. The anticipated amount of the WIFIA loan application is \$100 million. The City will host a public meeting and public hearing associated with this project.

Public Meeting Notice The City of Spring Hill, Kansas will hold a public meeting on February 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 401 N. Madison St, to present and discuss the alternatives for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. Following the presentation of alternatives, comments by the public will be considered. Oral and written comments will be accepted.

Public Hearing Notice The City of Spring Hill, Kansas will hold a public hearing on February 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 401 N. Madison St, to present and discuss the formal adoption of a facilities plan for the wastewater treatment plant improvements. The proposed improvements will be explained and comments by the public will be considered. Oral and written comments will be accepted. Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 21, 2026 4214680

Notice is hereby given that personal property belonging to Clark Mace at 29778 Cedar Niles Rd., Paola, KS 66071, has been abandoned. Pete Bijan intends to sell or otherwise dispose of said property in accordance with applicable laws. Any person claiming an interest in the property must contact Suzy Jacobs at 816-918-1645 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the sale or disposal of the property without further notice. Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 21, 2026 4215950

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF LAND FOR STATE HIGHWAY PURPOSES, CALVIN E. REED, P.E., Secretary of Transportation for the State of Kansas, Plaintiff,

v. Randall W. Helling, et al., Defendants. Case No. MI-2025-CV-000173 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 26

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED NOTICE OF APPRAISERS' HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned court-appointed appraisers, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 26-501, et seq., will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., or on the following day without further notice, in the large meeting room at the Paola Free Library, located at 101 E. Peoria, Paola, Kansas 66071. A viewing of the properties involved in this action will commence immediately after the hearing. Any party may present either oral or written testimony at the hearing. The hearing will be on all matters pertaining to the appraisal and assessment of damages for the taking of the lands or interests described below:

TRACT NO. 33 Fee Owners: Randall W. Helling and Stephanie M. Helling f/k/a Stephanie M. Sage, as joint tenants **Lienholders and Other Interested Parties:** Rocket Mortgage (mortgage formerly with Summit Funding, Inc.) **Address:** ATTN: Lien Protection Team, Rocket Mortgage 635 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226 By "Mortgage" between *Stephanie M. Sage and Randall W. Helling (Borrower)* and *Summit Funding, Inc. (Lender)*, with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (Mortgagee), dated December 28, 2022, recorded December 28, 2022, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Miami County, Kansas, in Book 2022, Page 06021. **Copy To:** Vernon L. Jarboe Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman, McEntire & Jarboe, L.L.C. 534 S. Kansas Avenue, Suite 1000 Topeka, KS 66603-3456 *Attorney for Rocket Mortgage* **By Serving:** CT Corporation System 112 SW 7th Street, Suite 3C Topeka, Kansas 66603 **Resident Agent** Board of County Commissioners of Miami County, Kansas (Attn: County Treasurer) **Address:** Administration Bldg, 201 S Pearl St #103, Paola, Kansas 66071

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS TO BE ACQUIRED:

(a) A PERMANENT EASEMENT for controlled access highway right of way, removal of borrow material, or for other highway purposes over and upon a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 24 East of the 6th P.M., Miami County, Kansas, described by John A. Moll, Jr., Kansas PS 1721, on December 6, 2024 as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence on an assumed bearing of North 87 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds East, 676.42 feet along the North line of said Quarter Section to the East line of a tract of land as described in a deed filed for record in Book 2011, Page 01652, Register of Deeds office, Miami County, Kansas and the POINT OF BEGINNING; FIRST COURSE, thence continuing North 87 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds East, 643.55 feet along the North line of said Quarter Section to the West line of a tract of land described in Book 356, Page 346, Register of Deeds office, Miami County, Kansas; SECOND COURSE, thence South 02 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, 280.32 feet along said West line; THIRD COURSE, thence North 38 degrees 47 minutes 32 seconds West, 61.47 feet; FOURTH COURSE, thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds West, 90.00 feet; FIFTH COURSE, thence South 73 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds West, 279.18 feet; SIXTH COURSE, thence South 24 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds West, 55.90 feet; SEVENTH COURSE, thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds West, 50.00 feet; EIGHTH COURSE, thence North 71 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds West, 42.72 feet; NINTH COURSE, thence South 26 degrees 47 minutes 29 seconds West, 102.96 feet; TENTH COURSE, thence South 06 degrees 29 minutes 59 seconds East, 135.37 feet; ELEVENTH COURSE, thence South 30 degrees 03 minutes 53 seconds East, 62.18 feet; TWELFTH COURSE, thence South 47 degrees 55 minutes 52 seconds West, 31.24 feet; THIRTEENTH COURSE, thence South 33 degrees 20 minutes 56 seconds West, 166.06 feet to the East line of a tract of land as described in a deed filed for record in Book 2011, Page 01652, Register of Deeds office, Miami County, Kansas; FOURTEENTH COURSE, thence North 02 degrees 14 minutes 24 seconds West, 774.29 feet along said East line to said North line to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The above-described tract contains 5.11 acres, which includes 2.41 acres of existing right of way, resulting in an acquisition of 2.70 acres, more or less.

Lands abutting said highway shall have no right or easement of access thereto, provided, however, that the remaining lands shall abut upon and have access to a frontage road which will be connected to the highway only at such points as may be established by public authority. The Secretary may install a fence or other device to delineate the above-described controlled access highway facility. If such fence or other device is installed, the Secretary assumes no legal or other responsibility for fencing private property.

(b) A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for the construction of an entrance over and upon a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 16 South, Range 24 East of the 6th P.M., Miami County, Kansas, described by John A. Moll, Jr., Kansas PS 1721, on December 6, 2024 as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence on an assumed bearing of North 87 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds East, 1319.97 feet along the North line of said Quarter Section to the West line of a tract of land as described in a deed filed for record in Book 356, Page 346, Register of Deeds office, Miami County, Kansas; thence South 02 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, 280.32 feet along said West line to the Southerly right of way line of the proposed highway; thence North 38 degrees 47 minutes 32 seconds West, 61.47 feet along said Southerly right of way line; thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds West, 40.00 feet along said Southerly right of way line to the POINT OF BEGINNING; FIRST COURSE, thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds East, 26.00 feet; SECOND COURSE, thence South 87 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds West, 50.00 feet; THIRD COURSE, thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds West, 26.00 feet to said Southerly right of way line; FOURTH COURSE, thence North 87 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds East, 50.00 feet along said Southerly right of way line to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The above-described tract contains 0.03 acre, more or less.

This easement expires five (5) years after legal possession through condemnation or ninety (90) days after completion of the highway construction for which this easement is acquired, or whichever comes first. You are further notified that the court has set February 19, 2026, for the filing of the awards of these appraisers with the Clerk of the District Court. Pursuant to K.S.A. 26-508(a), any party dissatisfied with the award of the appraisers may appeal therefrom, docketed as a new civil action, within thirty (30) days from the day of filing of the Report of Appraisers.

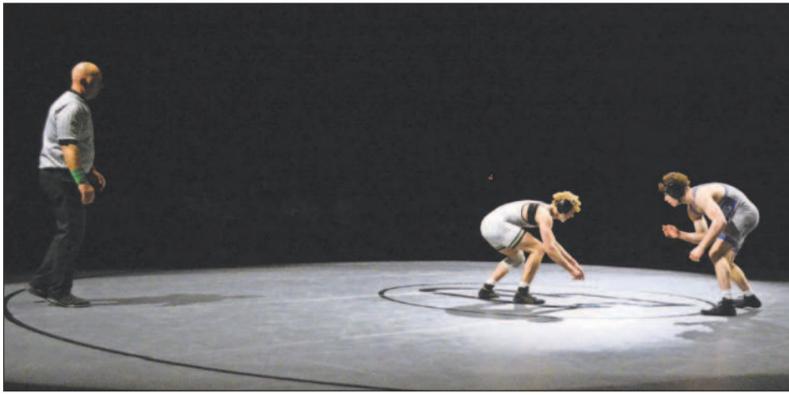
Pursuant to K.S.A. 26-507, once Plaintiff pays the Clerk of the District Court the amount of the court-appointed appraisers' award, the title, easement, or interest appropriated in the land condemned shall thereupon immediately vest in Plaintiff, and Plaintiff shall be entitled to the immediate possession of the land condemned. **Justin Neighbors** _____ **Adam S. Ward** _____ **Steve Cutshaw** _____ **COURT-APPOINTED APPRAISERS** Prepared By: GELENE SAVAGE CHIEF COUNSEL By: /s/ Lucas Fansler LUCAS FANSLER, No. 30716 AUDREY MACKEY, No. 29441 Office of Chief Counsel Kansas Department of Transportation Eisenhower State Office Building 700 SW Harrison Street, 3rd Fl West Topeka, Kansas 66603-3745 (785) 296-3831, fax (785) 296-0119 lucas.fansler@ks.gov audrey.mackey@ks.gov Attorneys for Plaintiff

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RESOLUTION NO. R26-01-003 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #25007-CUP: AT&T Paola East

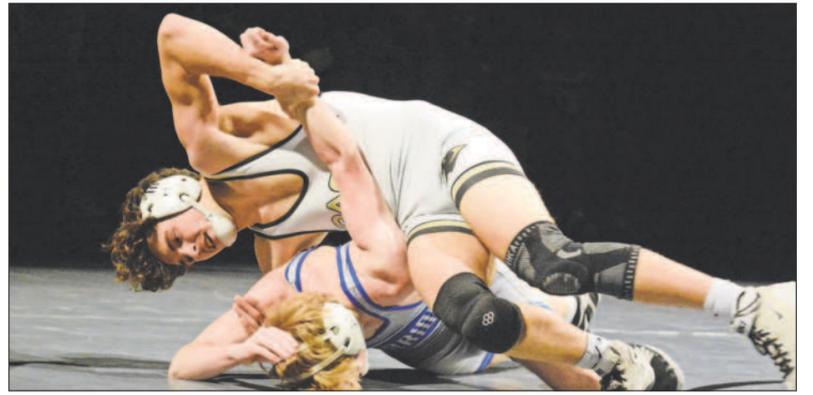
WHEREAS, the Miami County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on December 2, 2025, in accordance with the requirements as set forth in Article 22 of the Miami County, KS Zoning Regulations to consider a Conditional Use Permit for a 195-foot tall communications tower facility in accordance with Sections 5-2.02.10 and 14-2.01.4 of the Miami County, KS Zoning Regulations, on the real property described in Section 1 below; and WHEREAS, after reviewing all written and oral testimony presented at said hearing, and after reviewing the *Golden Criteria*, the Planning Commission voted 6 to approve, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention (6-0-1), to recommend the Board of County Commissioners approve Conditional Use Permit #25007-CUP, based on the Findings and subject to the Conditions listed below; and WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the Conditional Use Permit request along with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and taking into consideration the *Golden Criteria*, and found the Conditional Use Permit was substantially in compliance with the Goals and Objectives of the County's Comprehensive Plan, and as conditioned, will not adversely affect surrounding property or neighborhood values. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI COUNTY, KS, that they hereby concur with the Planning Commission and approve Conditional Use Permit #25007-CUP for a 195-foot tall communications tower facility in accordance with Sections 5-2.02.10 and 14-2.01.4 of the Miami County Zoning Regulations on that real property described in Section 1, based on the Findings and subject to the Conditions provided herein. **Section 1** : Legal Description for 25007-CUP: AT&T Paola East Property Description (Lease Area): A 100 foot by 100 foot Lease Area, situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, in Miami County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 15; thence along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 15, South 88°10'28" West, a distance of 418.85 feet; thence leaving said South line, North 00°00'00" East, a distance of 545.81 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00°00'00" East, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence North 90°00'00" East, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 00°00'00" East, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence North 90°00'00" West, a distance of 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 10,000 square feet. Property Description (Non-exclusive Access/Utility Easement): A 20 foot wide Access/Utility Easement, situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, in Miami County, Kansas, lying 10.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline: COMMENCING at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 15; thence along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 15, South 88°10'28" West, a distance of 418.85 feet; thence leaving said South line, North 00°00'00" East, a distance of 645.81 feet; thence North 90°00'00" East, a distance of 110 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of said centerline; thence South 00°00'00" East, a distance of 90.00 feet; thence North 90°00'00" East, a distance of 256.93 feet to the West Right of Way line of HEDGE LANE RD (Public Right of Way) and the POINT OF TERMINATION. **Findings** 1. The requested use, as conditioned, is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning The subject property is immediately adjacent to the City of Paola as well as US-169 Highway, a major transportation corridor in Miami County. The requested use, as conditioned, will be compatible with the surrounding zoning and character of the neighborhood. 2. The Countryside District permits communications tower upon the approval of a conditional use permit, when such towers are found to be compatible with other uses permitted in the district. With its low traffic impact and low visual impact, the proposed tower, as conditioned, will be compatible with the zoning and uses of the surrounding neighborhood. 3. There is no evidence to suggest the requested use, as conditioned, will detrimentally affect nearby properties or property values. 4. The proposed use is anticipated to generate a very low volume of traffic, with most vehicle trips being pickup trucks. Therefore, Hedge Lane will not be overburdened. **Conditions** 1. Except as amended by these Conditions, the property shall be developed according to the Site Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A". 2. Except as amended by these Conditions, the property shall be developed according to the Applicant's Narrative, attached hereto as Exhibit "B". 3. Development shall comply with all sanitary, building, fire, and other applicable County codes and permit requirements. 4. All lighting shall comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and requirements. Any security lighting shall utilize a fixture that directs light downward and prevents light from traveling out above a horizontal plane relative to the bulb (shoebox-type design). 5. The tower shall be removed within six (6) months of cessation of use as a communications tower. 6. The property is to be maintained and kept free of weeds (noxious, overgrowth) and debris. The provisions in this Resolution will become effective upon the adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and publication of the adopting Resolution in the official County newspaper. Upon this Resolution becoming effective, all prior resolutions affecting the above-described tracts of land are repealed. All Zoning Regulations of Miami County, Kansas affecting the use of the real property heretofore described, that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby made inapplicable to said property until the Conditional Use Permit is vacated or is declared null and void. **ADOPTED ON THIS 7th DAY OF January 2026 by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MIAMI COUNTY, KS** Publish: Miami County Republic Date: January 21, 2026 4212440

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Paola Panther senior wrestler Brody Latto squares off against an opponent from St. Pius X (Missouri) under the spotlight in a 157-pound match during a home dual Wednesday, Jan. 14.



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Paola sophomore wrestler Bodhi Shay works on the arm of an opponent from St. Pius X in a 165-pound match. Shay won the bout with a pin.

State-ranked Panthers battle Missouri-ranked St. Pius X in home dual

BY GENE MORRIS
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PAOLA – Spotting state-ranked St. Pius X 18 points proved to be too much for the state-ranked Paola Panthers wrestling team to overcome.

Paola fell to St. Pius X (Missouri) during a home dual Wednesday, Jan. 14, by a score of 49-26.

It was a showdown between two of the heavyweight wrestling programs in Kansas and Missouri.

Paola is ranked No. 1 in Kansas for Class 4A. St. Pius X is ranked No. 6 in Missouri with five state-ranked wrestlers.

The Paola Panthers were in a dark gymnasium, under the spotlight, for their home dual.

Nicholas Beidelschies was pinned at 106 pounds.

Lane Allen lost an 8-2 decision at 113 pounds.

Sawyer Blue lost a 10-2 major decision in his 120-pound match.

Hayden Jones was

pinned at 126 pounds.

Paola was open at 132 pounds.

Easton Hensley was pinned in his match at 138 pounds.

Six weight classifications into the dual, the Paola Panthers were 0-6 with three pins, a major decision, a decision and an open. Paola trailed St. Pius X by a score of 29-0.

Brock Johnson started to turn the tide for Paola, picking up the Panthers' first win of the evening with a pin at 144 pounds.

Trace Metcalf won an 18-3 technical fall at 150 pounds, making the score 11-29.

Brody Latto was pinned in his match at 157 pounds.

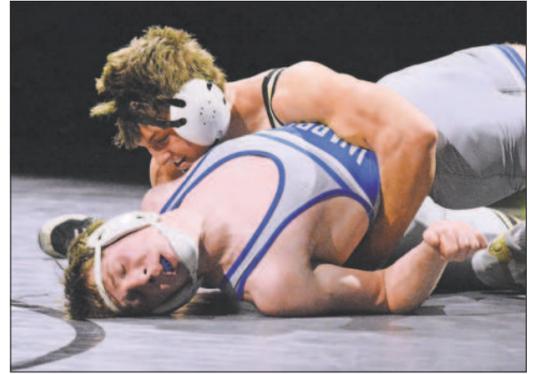
Bodhi Shay won with a pin at 165 pounds.

Paola was open at 175 pounds.

Hayden Cullor won a 9-3 decision at 190 pounds.

Kayden Hendrickson had a pin at 215 pounds.

Paola was open at 285 pounds.



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Paola Panther freshman Kayden Hendrickson sets up a pin combination against a St. Pius X opponent in a 215-pound match. He won with a pin.

Miami County boys swim team posts more records at Olathe Northwest

BY GENE MORRIS
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OLATHE – Every swimmer posted personal record times as the Miami County boys placed second at Olathe Northwest.

The Miami County boys left with more state qualifiers and improved state times during the meet Thursday, Jan. 15.

“We now have six swimmers who have punched their state ticket for February,” Miami County

coach Mary Argeropoulos said.

Jameson Bruce, Andrew Jamison, Landen Terflinger and Tag Solberg placed first in the 200 medley relay.

Colin Brown, Noah Sharp, Casey Carpenter-Ross and Jamison won the 200 freestyle relay. The Louisburg boys improved their state qualification time in the event and took back the top position in the state.

Jamison, Terflinger, Sharp and Carpenter-Ross placed first in the 400 freestyle relay.

Carpenter-Ross placed first in the 200 freestyle. He won the 500 freestyle. Carpenter-Ross swam new state qualifying times in both events.

Brown won the 200 individual medley with a new state qualification time. He swam a new state qualifying time with his first-place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Jamison placed first in the 100 breaststroke. He was second in the 100 butterfly. Jamison swam state qualification times in both events.

Terflinger was runner-up in the 50 freestyle. He placed second in the 100 freestyle. Terflinger swam state consideration times in both events.

Bruce was third in the 100 backstroke with a new state qualifying time. He was sixth in the 100 freestyle with a state consideration time.

Sharp placed third in the 50 freestyle. He was fourth in the 100 backstroke with a new state qualifying time.

Brock Delmez, Sam

McMains, Hebert and Mendez placed fourth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Solberg was fourth in the 100 breaststroke. He placed sixth in the 50 freestyle.

Aiden Turner, Bruce, McMains and Solberg placed fifth in the 400 freestyle relay, setting a new Spring Hill school record.

McMains was fifth in the 100 breaststroke. He placed seventh in the 200 freestyle.

Mendez was sixth in the 200 freestyle. He placed 10th in the 100 freestyle.

Aason Groves, Phillip Hebert, Delmez and Mendez were seventh in the 200 medley relay.

Hebert was seventh in the 100 backstroke. He was eighth in the 100 freestyle.

Delmez placed eighth in the 50 freestyle and ninth in the 100 breaststroke.

Turner was 11th in the 200 freestyle.

Tanner Thomas, Burke Argeropoulos, Turner and Groves placed 15th in the 200 freestyle relay.

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