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NCKL-Big East All-Star Basketball
Game-Press Release

On Sunday April 26th Marysville hosted the second annual Big East vs NCKL Girls and Boys All-Star Basketball Games.

In the girls game, the NCKL was coached by Jason Grider and the Chapman basketball staff. The Big East was coached by Stacy Jasper of Hiawatha. The Big East got off to a great start, led by Rylee Dick of Rossville and her 30 points.

However, the NCKL team took control of the game about midway through and cruised to a 67-50 victory. The NCKL was led by Lexi Hecht of Wamego and her 23 points, followed closely by Kacy Roesch of Marysville and her 18 points.

In the boys game, the NCKL was coached by Justin Smith of Rock Creek and his staff. The Big East was coached by Brady Jasper and his Hiawatha staff. The NCKL went to an early 14-4 lead, but then it was all Big East for the remainder of the game, finishing with a 100-60 victory. The Big East hit 17 threes on the way to the victory. Leading scorers for the Big East were Jack Donovan of Rossville with 18 and Ben Devader of St. Marys with 17. Ethan Tonser of Rock Creek had 17 for the NCKL in a losing effort.

No admission was taken, but a free will offering was accepted to assist the Dempewolfe family of Sabetha. Callen Dempewolfe is a young boy who spent 43 days in the hospital. He had influenza that then attacked his heart. He was in very dire circumstances. However, he rallied and is currently working through recovery. Over \$1100 was raised and will go to the Dempewolfe family. Officials Brett Lukert of Sabetha, Quinn Buessing of Axtell, and Gale Schroeder of Marysville donated their time to help with the cause. Many others pitched in to make it a successful event.

Ben Wertenberger/Scott Brown Marysville Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches (Courtesy story and photos)



Conley Souza from Herington High School Commits to Ottawa University.

Pictured Left to right: Kat Souza (Conley's Mom), Conley Souza, and DJ Souza (Conley's Dad)

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Rev. Connie D. Wooldridge
PASTOR'S CORNER
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The school buses just rolled by my house, and I realize that school day parade will be finished in just a few more days. I am so thankful for our community schools and the educators and others that support them. Our students are treasured gifts among us. This time of year is marked with graduations, vacation planning, summer recreation programs, more groceries for families, sleep away camps, and so much more. Sometimes, the world in which we live is scary. Generations before us have won-

So much hope
 dered if the world could survive. Many times, people have claimed that the future was impossible yet here we are. I am confident that those students who trudge into classroom have gifts that will amaze us. Leaders and innovators are among them. We will see this new generation of creative, caring, thoughtful students move into adulthood and with them will come hope and possibility. A familiar phrase in my line of work is "Fear not!" Angels often repeat it when something amazing is about to take place. Fear not, God is always doing a new thing. Fear not, our youth and children are gifted to bring innovation and good things we have not yet imagined. I am confident that we have not yet seen all the possibilities and wonders of the world. I am watching for the amazing things in store. Fear not.



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125 years ago - 1901
TWO TEAMS STOLEN - Last Thursday afternoon, a rather good-looking young man estimated about 25 years of age, hired a double team and buggy from Henry Liggett to drive into the country to sell school supplies. He was to be back Friday, but Friday and Saturday came, and no team nor driver showed up. Henry had postal cards printed with a description of the chaps and offered a liberal reward for the rig and the fellows. Later, two young men were captured at Council Grove and brought back to Herington by train. One of the fellows was wanted in Junction City. The boys gave their names and their age as 18 years and were bound over to the district court in Abilene.
 100 years ago - 1926
ENTERTAINED MANY FARMERS - Last Saturday, about 15 old fiddlers entertained in conjunction with the Lions Club Pet and Hobby show, in spite of threatening weather. Each of the fiddlers played two selections and all were liberally applauded. When all finished, the following were awarded prizes: Steve Rohr, Abilene; Ezra Baker, Herington; and Ab Dillon, Hope. Two young players entered the contest but due to their age, were not considered to be "old" fiddlers. A clog dancing contest was also held and T. J. Hughes carried off first place, Keefer the barber took second, and Dave Nail took third. The dancing of the young Hughes was a revelation to many.
 75 years ago - 1951
DUCKWALL'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS - On May

YOUNG MEN CAPTURED AT COUNCIL GROVE
 10, 1901, Duckwall's began furnishing the people of Kansas with variety store merchandise. Store No. 1 was opened in Abilene by A. L. Duckwall with an investment of \$400. Merchandise was primarily toys and trinkets, and the business was referred to in those days as a "Racket Store." Duckwall now operates fifty-five stores, and the Herington store is managed by Mr. Warren Grass who has announced special merchandise for the 50th Anniversary sale.
 50 years ago - 1976
HORSEMEN JOIN WAGON TRAIN - A large number of area horseman joined the Bicentennial Wagon Train Saturday morning when it departed Herington, enroute to Council Grove. Hundreds of different riders have joined the train for varying lengths of distances ever since the train started its journey in California on January 1. Riders were picked up at Hillsboro, Tampa, Lost Springs, and Herington during the area visit, officials said. The encampment of the Bicentennial Wagon Train at Herington's fairgrounds Friday afternoon afforded persons, young and old, a chance to make close-up inspections of the wagons and equipment being utilized for the cross-country trip. Most elderly people seemed as delighted by the train's visit as young people. In spite of overnight rain and dark skies, the wagons left Herington enroute to Council Grove and on to Pennsylvania on Saturday morning. More than 20 covered wagons and 100 riders were in the caravan as it made its way eastward at a rate of about 3 miles per hour.
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VIEW FROM THE HILL- Scott Hill

New Kansas Laws Part 3

Looking back in history, we are reminded that this week 251 years ago the Revolutionary war started when "normal" colonists including shop keepers, farmers, and other businessmen took up arms and engaged in conflict against the mightiest army in the world. The courage of that underwhelming rag-tag army still exists in the hearts of many Americans. In this year of celebration of our founding, the courage to halt tyranny and intrusion into our lives by a government willing to dictate every aspect of society needs to be encouraged in all citizens. The just completed legislative session resulted in the passage of nearly 200 new bills, but also the repeal of some provisions that were not necessary. Going forward we need to work harder at encouraging selfless behavior coupled with the reduction of unnecessary over-regulation. The following is another listing of bill briefs that are indicative of the scope of state regulations:

- SB 20: Enacting consumer protection and transparency into pharmacy benefit Managers.
- SB 232: Enabling parents in Kansas to participate in the "Born to Invest" act which lets parents establish savings accounts for children.
- SB 356: Protects from liability for federal firearms licensees that have held a firearm in safe keeping

- and returned it to a firearm owner.
- SB 366: Prohibits the use of cell-phones in active construction zones.
- SB 380: Provides free market rates for fueling stations that provide electrical vehicle charging.
- SB 382: Provides educational changes for virtual schools regarding assessment and special education. Also, it makes provision for foreign exchange students' enrollment.
- SB 418: Removes some restrictions on new home construction to reduce costs for home buyers and builders.
- SB 459: Restructures the prisoner review board. Creates qualifications for members and requires notification of victims.
- SB 487: Requires the KBI to establish a statewide offender registration system and eliminates the need for offenders to register in multiple locations.
- HB 2158: Removes the restrictions on beekeepers for retail sales of honey.
- HB 2192: Limits work release for those convicted of domestic battery and requiring first offense battery offenders to be assessed.
- HB 2331: Allows for the disposition of unclaimed human remains.
- HB 2347: Increases the penalty for the theft of automobiles worth more than \$500.
- HB 2378: Provides for a streamlined process for removing squatters from a dwelling unit.
- HB 2464: Extends the tax credits for those who donate to aero-

- space, aviation, the Eisenhower foundation, and the friends of Cedar Crest foundation for three years.
- HB 2501: Removes the Kansas restrictions on firearm silencers and short barrel shotguns and providing for increased penalties for felonies committed with a firearm.
- HB 2528: Reforming and restructuring the State Board of Nursing.
- HB 2560: Allows the board of regents to sell a property in Manhattan.
- HB 2591: Provides financial institutions with the ability to combat fraud against vulnerable customers and allows for payment of financial instruments on Saturday afternoon and holidays.
- HB 2595: Establishes a rural Kansas attorney training program.
- HB 2596: Allows inmates at Hutchinson to construct mobile homes at the facility.
- HB 2700: Establishes the right to repair digital electronic equipment.
- HB 2733: Requires people who run for public office to remain a resident of the district to which they are elected.

This list is not comprehensive of all legislation that was passed in the last session. However, it touches on several issues that might be of interest to you. If you have any questions about these or any other laws, please contact me and I will provide you with more information. Thank you for the opportunity to be your voice in Topeka.

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Thursday, May 7: Creamed Chicken on Biscuit, Beets, Rosy Pears

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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MINUTES

April 8, 2026 Abilene Chapter DAR Minutes

The Abilene Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met on Wednesday, April 8th, at 1 pm at Susie's Restaurant in Abilene. Members present were Susanne Anderson, April Barker, Floy Bowers, Susan Bettles, Karyl Ford, Leesa Hettenbach, Marlene Howe, Joyce Latham, Shari Lenhart, Judy Lynn, Michelle Stephens, Cassy Wilson and guests were Tanya Sims, Jan Warhurst and Donna Shepard.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Wilson with the following opening rituals. Invocation by Marlene, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the US lead by April. The American's Creed was started by Marlene and Michelle played the National Anthem.

Leesa distributed the President General's message with the minutes.

Leesa gave an America 250! Moment about Snapshots of America 250: A Walk-Through History display taking place May 2nd and 3rd at Shawnee Town 1929 Museum. She also gave a DAR School Moment encouraging all members to go to the NSDAR website and check out the video about school Education Projects. Marlene's National Defense was about April 5th is Gold Star Spouses Day. It honors the surviving spouses of military service members who died in the line of duty. For her Indian Moment, she expanded on four inventions of Native Americans. Pain Relievers was willow bark as an anti-inflammatory and pain reliever. Oral Birth Control was used by Shoshone and Navajo tribes by taking stoneseed. For Syringes they used animal bladders and sharpened, hollowed-out bird bone to inject medicine and irrigate wounds. Dried and greased bear gut with a bird's quill acting as a nipple was for a Baby Bottle. Turn coffee grounds into a body scrub by mixing with coconut oil was Marlene's Conservation Moment. Shari gave a flag moment

that at the final four college women's basketball tournament, each team chose one member to represent their school to sing the National Anthem before the games.

As Good Citizen's Chairman, Michelle reported she sent the scholarship winner's write-up to the paper. JAC Chairman, Cassy, said one state winner will be attending the youth luncheon on Saturday during the State Conference. April made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed, Karyl second, motion passed. A treasurer's report was given by Joyce. Leesa said the NW District will take donations for chances on an American 250! Quilt as a fund raiser for the State Regent's project. Cassy, said her 200 word Regent's report was submitted for the KS-DAR Proceedings.

For old business, April made a motion to split Dee Marshall's memorial money between Good Citizen Scholarship and Bill & Dee's Business Scholarship. It was noted education was very important to Dee. Marlene second the motion, motion passed.

Under new business, Cassy brought up a school celebration for St. Andrews for their participation in the JAC contest and all members will be invited to attend. A reminder KSDAR State Conference is April 30th thru May 2nd in Manhattan. Floy gave the program on the book Dog Soldier Justice: The Ordeal of Susanna Alderdice in the Kansas Indian War by Jeff Broome. There was a raid on a white pioneer homestead a few miles north of Salina and only the women and children were home. Numerous people were killed and kidnapped. However, one four year old boy name Willis Daily survived after having arrows removed from his back. Willis married Mary Twibell, Floy's great aunt. Floy remembers hearing the Indian war stories from her great uncle while she was growing up. Jeff researched his book for three years and collaborated with Floy on her family history. The pre-

sentation was very informative about Native Indians and early pioneers conflicts.

April also shared about a recent trip her, Mary Jean Eisenhower, Julie Roller-Weeks, Ann Strunk, and Connie Cooper, plus three additional Abilene women took to Washington DC. They had a packed agenda but the main focus was to see the Eisenhower Memorial. Hostesses Floy, Karyl and Marlene were thanked. They provided delicious cheese cake squares, yummy fresh strawberries and drinks.

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday, May 6th .

Leesa Hettenbach
Recording Secretary



Picture of Floy Bowers who gave the program. (Pictured above)



Group picture to left:
Front row:Floy Bowers,
Shari Lenhart, Jan
Warhurst, Judy Lynn, &
Donna Sheperd

Second row: Marlene Howe
& Tanya Sims

Third row:Karyl Ford and
Susanne Anderson

Fourth row:Susan Bettles,
April Barker and Leesa
Hettenbach

Top row:Cassy Wilson and
Joyce Latham

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Congressman Derek Schmidt Asks USDA to Address Staffing Shortages at Local Offices

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Derek Schmidt (KS-02) has joined in a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture urging immediate action to address staffing shortages at local Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service offices.

The letter raises concerns from constituents about delays in application processing, payments, and contract certifications - challenges that have particularly disrupted conservation programs and the FSA loan program. Lawmakers warned that if staffing shortages persist, disruptions could spread across all USDA programs within the Farm Production and Conservation mission area.

While acknowledging USDA's recent efforts to temporarily deploy staff to underserved county offices, the letter emphasized that short-term measures are insufficient to meet long-term demand.

"To deliver on the promises made to American agriculture, USDA must ensure local offices are staffed and equipped," Congressman Schmidt said. "These programs are essential to managing risk, supporting conservation, and keeping operations running. Reliable, timely service is critical to the success of producers and rural communities across Kansas and the country."

The letter has been signed by 14 other members of Congress, including Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Austin Scott (R-GA), Kat Cammack (R-FL), Michael Baumgartner (R-WA), David Valadao (R-CA), Scott Franklin (R-FL), James Baird (R-IN), Laurel Lee (R-FL), Ben Cline (R-VA), Zach Nunn (R-IA), Don Bacon (R-NE), Lauren Boebert (R-CO), David Rouzer (R-NC), and Mike Flood (R-NE).

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9am-10am

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Herington, KS 67449
Every 1st Wednesday of the month
1pm-2pm

St. Andrew Catholic Church
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Abilene, KS 67410
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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Solomon, KS 67480
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Enterprise, KS 67441
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Text scam impersonating Supreme Court targets Kansans

TOPEKA—The Kansas judicial branch is raising awareness about a new text message scam that appears to be from the Kansas Supreme Court about a subpoena over unpaid tolls incurred with the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Anyone who receives the text message should ignore the requests to respond or visit links. Instead, the recipient should report it as junk and delete it. Any person can check whether they have a case pending before a Kansas court using the Kansas District Court Records CaseSearch. If a case exists on CaseSearch, it will also generally show whether there are any unpaid fines or fees. The CaseSearch site links to the KSCourts Central Payment Center where payments can be made online. The judicial branch encourages the public to check the Spot the Scam webpage whenever

they are contacted by someone who claims to be with a court. The page says to be alert for these signs that a contact they did not expect is a scam: Scammer initiates contact. Scammers will call, text, or email using phone numbers, email addresses, website links, and documents that look real but are fake. Scammers ask for personal information. Never give a Social Security number, bank account details, or credit card information to someone you don't contact on your own. Scammers demand payment. Scammers will pressure you to pay now using gift cards or apps like PayPal, Venmo, or Cash App. They will tell you something bad will happen if you don't pay now. The page also gives guidance for reporting scams and a link to contact information for courts statewide.

Driving Dickinson County Launches Business Education Series with Lunch Provided – Six Sessions

Open to All County Business Owners Driving Dickinson County is launching a new lunch-and-learn business education series for Dickinson County business owners — six sessions built around practical skills, local relevance, and the belief that the most important driver in your business is you.

There is no shortage of professional development available to business owners — webinars, online courses, national conferences. But most of it wasn't built for someone running a business in Abilene or Chapman or Solomon, where the labor market is tight, the relationships are long, and the decisions you make are visible to the whole community.

Driving Dickinson County wants to change that.

Starting Wednesday, May 13, DDC is launching the 2026 Business Education Series — six lunch and-learn sessions designed to give local business owners practical tools, real conversations, and expert guidance they can put to work immediately.

"Dickinson County is full of talented, hard-working business owners who deserve access to world-class professional development right here at home", said Natalie Muruato, CEO of Driving Dickinson County. "This series is our investment in the people who are already driving this county forward."

How It Works

Sessions are held at noon and run 90 minutes at Rackets Tap House, 303 N Broadway St, Abilene. Plan to arrive at 12:00 — lunch is provided, so come ready to eat, connect with fellow business owners, and settle in before the session kicks off. Each session stands on its own, so you can attend one or all six. DDC Partners at the Classic level and above attend every session at no additional cost — it's included as part of their membership. For community members and non-partners, sessions are \$25 per person, per session and are open to everyone in Dickinson County.

Registration is required and closes 48 hours before each session. Cancellations are fully refundable up to 48 hours before the event start time. Session details and registration are available at the DKEDC Community Calendar. Seats are limited.

Who's Leading the Sessions

Five of the six sessions will be led by Jeremy Gray of Noble Consulting — a leadership coach and management consultant whose client roster includes working with rural companies

and clients from Fortune 500 and Fortune 1000 companies. Jeremy brings that same caliber of expertise directly to Dickinson County business owners. A proud U.S. Army veteran with a Master's degree in Industrial- Organizational Psychology, Jeremy is a Maxwell Leadership Executive Program leader and master facilitator with more than 20 years of experience helping business owners find what he calls the gold within themselves.

"Business owners in communities like Dickinson County carry a lot", Gray said. "They wear every hat, they know everyone, and the stakes feel personal because they are. That's exactly why this kind of work matters — when you invest in your own leadership, it shows up everywhere".

The sixth session, Brand Your Business Like a Pro on September 16, will be led by Jackie Hynes, DDC's Events & Marketing Director. Hynes works daily with local businesses on brand strategy, visibility, and community presence — and brings that ground-level perspective directly into the room.

"I talk to business owners all over this county, and so many of them are doing incredible work that body knows about", Hynes said. "This series is about changing that — giving people the tools, the confidence, and the community to grow on purpose".

2026 Session Schedule

All sessions run 12:00–1:30 PM. Arrive at noon to mingle; sessions begin at 12:15. Full details and registration for each session are available at the DKEDC Community Calendar.
May 13 — Leadership and the Intentional I | Jeremy Gray, Noble Consulting
June 17 — What Stage is Your Business At? | Jeremy Gray, Noble Consulting
July 15 — Business Blindspots | Jeremy Gray, Noble Consulting
August 19 — Customer Service | Jeremy Gray, Noble Consulting
September 16 — Brand Your Business Like a Pro | Jackie Hynes, Driving Dickinson County
October 21 — Ask the Expert | Jeremy Gray, Noble Consulting
Questions or Comments
Contact DDC directly at Marketing@DKEDC.com or 785-200-3518.

About Driving Dickinson County Driving Dickinson County is the region's economic development organization dedicated to strengthening business retention and expansion, supporting entrepreneurship, and fostering collaborative community growth throughout Dickinson County, Kansas.

EVENTS

30 Apr, Thu
 All day JH Track: Marion
 2 – 3pm GF V @ Clay Center
 3 – 4:30pm Baseball: Varsity Canton
 3 – 4pm BTN V @ Circle
 3 – 4pm MS TR @ Chapman
 4:30 – 5:30pm BSB JV vs Council Grove
 6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

1 May, Fri
 All day Golf: JV Hillsboro
 10 – 11am BTN V NCKL @ Abilene
 10 – 11am TR V @ Beloit
 2:45pm Senior Project Showcase, High School Gym
 3:30 – 5:30pm CMS "ALL" School Dance
 4 – 5pm GF JV @ Hillsboro
 5 – 6pm Softball Herington
 6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St

2 May, Sat
 All day HS State Forensics
 5 – 8pm Archery Awards Night - Community Building Herington

3 May, Sun
 All day FFA Kansas State CDE's @ Manhattan

4 May, Mon
 All day FFA Kansas State CDE's @ Manhattan
 9am – 1pm 4th-6th Grade Track Meet
 9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe
 4 – 5pm GF JV @ Chapman
 4:30 – 5:30pm BSB JV vs Rock Creek
 7pm ES Music Program

5 May, Tue
 All day FFA Kansas State CDE's @ Manhattan
 All day Golf: Varsity Marion
 8:45 – 9:45am Bus Driver Meeting @ the High School; Special Breakfast
 9 – 10am Book Club Trip
 1 – 2pm GF V @ Marysville
 2 – 3:30pm JH Track Pomona
 3 – 4pm TR V/JV @ Minneapolis
 4:30 – 5:30pm BSB V vs Abilene
 4:30 – 5:30pm SB V/JV vs Abilene
 5:30 – 6:30pm Herington Commission Meeting

6 May, Wed
 All day Class Night Rehearsal
 6:30 – 7:30pm High School Spring Activity Awards
 7 – 9pm 100 Years of Class Night/Class of 2026 Class Night Parent Picture Night

The Dickinson County Retired School Personnel Association will be providing a \$500.00 incentive scholarship for a 2026 Fall semester junior or senior college student. The student must be graduated from one of the Dickinson County Kansas high schools and must be in the School of Education at a college or university in Kansas.

The award will be based upon character, academic scholarship, teacher potential. Applications must be in by June 10, 2026 and the selection will be announced for the award by July 10, 2026.

Interested students may contact any of the following for applications: their high school guidance counselors or websites, the School of Education office at their university or college, or PM Renee Kerbs, the DCRSP Scholarship Chairperson.

HE HAD ONE TOE Van Yandell

A SMIDGEN IS A UNIT OF MEASURE Psalm 90: 4 "For a thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Anyone that considers themselves a southern gourmet cook knows what a smidgen is. It's like a "bit" or a "pinch" or a "tad."

At any rate, a smidgen is a legitimate unit of measure south of the Mason-Dixon Line. As of yet however, I haven't seen a spoon in a measuring set with such an amount. We simply have to guess or use our best judgement. Measurements in time and materials control us. We are in bondage to watches, clocks and calendars. Flight schedules, work time clocks, even time settings for distance determine our every movement.

Some web sites and other publications are now adding "read time" to articles. Many in today's world if asked a distance answer the question in minutes. How far is it to the next town? "Twenty minutes." "At what speed" would be a reasonable response.

Could a carpenter build a house without a tape measure? Could a cook bake a cake without measurements? Of course not!

We are physical beings. Our life span, the years of our marriage and the ages of our children are all stated in numbers. Doctors weigh us when we go for a checkup. The results of our blood tests are stated in numbers.

We "count heads" for attendance and count how many were saved (received Jesus as Lord and Savior) at a crusade or on a mission project. Numbers are important to us.

The number of believers is surely important to God. Second Corinthians 5:15 "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

Second Peter 3: 8 "But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." God is spirit, infinite and eternal.

So, why is time irrelevant to God? Because He is infinite and eternal! If we speak of eternity concerning God, we must not only look into the future but also into the past.

If God will always be, He must have always been. Many astronomers and other scientists want to assign numbers to the existence of the sun, earth, galaxy and the universe.

Many make a useless debate of how old the planet or universe is. The distance across the Milky Way galaxy is (we're told) 100,000 light years and the universe is 97 billion light years across. Should we really be concerned with the distance to Mars or Proxima Centauri? Our individual curiosity factors want to know some things and for many those distances are intriguing but inconsequential in our everyday lives or our eternal destination.

But what is really important? The Bible teaches we have an eternal soul. No one has ever seen such a thing. No one

has ever died and come back to report Heaven or Hell, except in order to write a book or movie script.

No one knows where the eternal soul resides; if it is asleep, concealed in a body cell or flows through ones veins or central nervous system.

The Bible tells us to believe through faith (Ephesians 2: 8). Faith is believing in something that cannot be proven or common sense tells us it cannot be true. Faith is a steadfast belief that something is true.

Can we understand in a world of skepticism why so many are turning to non-belief?

A question asked was, "Why do you believe in God?" Can anyone give a logical or reasonable explanation for why we exist?

To believe something came from nothing (on its own/spontaneous generation) or that order came from chaos, takes more faith than believing in a Creator God.

Granted, religionists cannot prove God but the evidence is overwhelming. How much evidence does it take to make a fact? The answer to that is with the individual.

The non-believer must also ask the question "What if I'm wrong?" Whereas there is no (court of law) proof of God, there is no such proof of evolution. The non-believer must think we, the planet, the atmosphere, the universe came from somewhere. Since there is no such thing as spontaneous generation of matter, where and how did all things begin?

What make sense to you? Why do you exist? Why do we think, have emotions or die?"

Our Creator (John 1: 3) was also subjected to numbers. He was born the person Jesus 2026 years ago, lived to thirty-three years of age, was on the cross for six hours, in the grave three days and lived after His resurrection for forty days before ascending into Heaven.

Even Jesus can't get away from measurements and numbers. So, how long is eternity? The most reasonable answer is "It's a time that cannot be measured!" As a smidgen cannot be measured, neither can eternity.

Proverbs 3: 5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." Is our ability to think a curse or a blessing? Whichever it may be, we must not let it mislead us.

An old Cherokee proverb states: "There is a fight like two wolves going on inside you, one is evil; one is good." The question asked was, "Which one will win?" The answer: "The one you feed!"

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9). Van Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and missionary. His email is vmy3451@gmail.com





Spice Up Your Life- Crockpot Mushroom Pork Butt

Lindsey Young

and made for great leftovers. So I landed on a recipe from the blog “The Kitchen Magpie.” You can find the original post at <https://fastandslow-cooking.com/mushroom-gravy-slow-cooker-pork-butt>. This was simple enough that I didn’t do much outside of swapping out the kind of mushrooms and onion the recipe called for. **Crockpot Mushroom Pork Butt**

pork to a separate plate or dish and cover to keep it warm, and then add all of the liquid from the crockpot to a saucepan. Heat it over medium-high heat. Whisk the cornstarch with 1/4 cup of water, and slowly whisk it into the drippings in the pan. Once the gravy reaches your desired consistency, taste it and add more salt and pepper, if desired, and remove it from heat. Shred the pork and serve it with the mushrooms and onions over top of mashed potatoes and drenched in the gravy.

This recipe was exactly what I wanted to create. The mushrooms added a great, meaty flavor to the pork, and adding creamy mashed potatoes with a really flavorful gravy was absolutely perfect. So, did I win the face-off? Well, yes and no. Joey and I both really, really liked this, but we both really, really liked his recipe, too. (Don’t worry; I’ll be sharing it with you later.) I guess a tie, when it comes to homemade dinners, is a pretty great outcome, too. Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceupkitchen.net.



Crockpot mushroom pork butt is a homey, simple dinner that is awesome over a big pile of mashed potatoes. This kick-butt crockpot recipe should be on your list After finding a huge, eight-pound pork butt on sale a few weeks ago, our first inclination was for Joey to throw it on his smoker, as he normally would. Instead, we debated a bit back and forth about what kind of new recipe we could try, and it turned into what we deemed to be a “pork butt face off.” (Which doesn’t sound very nice, but when you’re creating a weird competition in your own kitchen, you can call it whatever you like.) We each chose a recipe, and we went to the grocery store to get our ingredients. Thanks to our love of hosting, we have two large crockpots, so we each claimed one and got to work. We chose distinctly different dishes for our respective halves of the pork butt. For mine, I decided I wanted something that was in the comfort food genre—something that was filling, belly-warming

Ingredients
 3 to 4 pounds pork butt roast
 2 pounds large, whole mushrooms (I used baby bellas)
 1 large onion, sliced (I used yellow)
 2 cups vegetable broth or stock
 21-gram packet mushroom gravy mix
 21-gram packet pork gravy mix
 salt and pepper, to taste
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 mashed potatoes, for serving
Directions
 Add the pork butt to a crockpot, and place the mushrooms and onion on and around the meat. In a bowl or mixing cup, whisk the vegetable broth with the two gravy packets until it is well combined. Pour the mixture on and around the pork in the crockpot. Add salt and pepper, to taste. (Don’t forget that the gravy will likely have some built-in sodium, too.) Cook on low for eight to 10 hours or on high for four to five hours, until the pork butt is tender and easy to shred. When you’re ready to serve, transfer the

Prairie Doc Perspective

“Anesthesia: Biting the Bullet is No Longer Necessary”

By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

Anesthesiology is the branch of medicine committed to pain relief and patient care before, during, and after surgery and other procedures. It has origins in ancient times but made large advances in the last two centuries. It is one of medicine’s greatest achievements that someone can comfortably drift off to sleep, have their knee replaced, or their gallbladder removed, and wake up with minimal pain. Ancient civilizations used herbal remedies to help numb pain with forms of cannabis, opium, mandrake, or alcohol. Even by the time of the Revolutionary War, these remained the only options, which did little for the pain of an amputation. Survival depended on the speed of the surgeon. Patients would “bite the bullet” and literally clench down on a lead bullet or piece of leather to help endure the pain and protect their teeth. Surgeries were completed in minutes, and most amputees did not survive due to infection or blood loss.

Major advances in anesthesia came in the mid-1800s with the emergence of ether and chloroform. American dentist William Morton was the first to publicly show ether’s use as an anesthetic, famously demonstrated at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1846. During the Civil War, anesthesia became widely adopted in the military and used in the vast majority of surgeries. Typically, ether or chloroform was soaked in a cloth and placed over the patient’s face for inhalation. After the war, the physicians with a new understanding of anesthesia were dispersed across the country, and use of anesthesia went from a sporadic, questionable intervention to standard practice. Epidurals are another major advance in anesthesia, decreasing the pain of childbirth, surgery, and some forms of back pain. Epidurals numb pain by delivering medication near the spinal nerves with an injection in the back. First developed in the

early 1900’s, epidurals became widely used in the United States by the 1970’s. The addition of a catheter allowed continuous pain relief throughout labor, replacing a single injection. Modern anesthesia has continued to evolve. Propofol, first developed in the 1970s and approved in the United States in 1989, is now commonly used to start and maintain anesthesia. Often called the “milk of amnesia,” it works quickly and allows for a smooth, clear-headed recovery. Anesthesia techniques continue to improve and become safer and more effective. With the expertise and close monitoring of an anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist, patients can

undergo complex procedures with excellent pain control and minimal risk. Dr. Andrew Ellsworth is a Family Medicine Physician at Avera Medical Group Brookings in Brookings, SD. He serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, May 7, 2026 is the monthly meeting of the Abilene Christian Women's Connection, operating under the guidelines of Stonecroft Ministries. This group has been meeting for over 50 years in Abilene, KS; bringing faith, fellowship and friendship to ladies of all ages. All are invited and welcome.

The monthly meeting is held in the Emmanuel Church - 1300 N. Vine Street- Abilene - 9:30 AM to 11:15. Costs is \$6.00 May Theme is: "What's in Store?"

Gathering Music will be provided by Doug Engle. Special Feature is Ann Manning.

Ann and her husband, Ken are the proud owners of "RHV Do it Best Hardware". The Mannings came to Abilene in 1973 from Colorado; Ken worked for Duckwall's until his retirement in 1991. A short lived retirement! They purchased "RHV Do It Best Hardware" in 1993 and have been very busy ever since. RHV employs dedicated

employees who always have a smile on their face and helpful hand for any home and garden improvements.

Ann will share some of her "adventures" with the group on the 7th. Her proud ownership of RHV along with other "fun loves". She has been a clown (with over 12 clown

costumes). Ann has and is involved with many non-profit organizations in Dickinson County and continues to give of her time and talents to make our community a better place for all ages. She has just recently had an exciting art exhibit through the Dickinson County Arts council, where she showed her photography skills along with her talent in acrylic and water color painting. She has an eclectic taste for art of all kinds and loves to bring new ideas to our community.

"HEY - WHO'S IN CONTROL HERE?" is the title of our Stonecroft Ministries speaker:

Kris Driskell who is coming from Belton, MO. Kris is a Stonecroft Authorized Speaker and also a Stonecroft Zone 4 Director. She travels throughout the district sharing her story.

Reservations are due by May 2nd Please call Sharon Darling at 785-479-1002 or email: sdllaptop2021@gmail.com

Public Hearing Notice Community Improvement Application

The City of Herington, KS will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at 17 N. Broadway, Herington, KS 67449, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Community Facilities category.

A specific project application to be considered is a City Lake Restroom/Shower House Project that will consist of construction of a new shower house and restroom facility at the City Lake including site preparation, site grading, water line installation, bore and encase water line, gate valve, service water line, sanitary sewer service line, septic/holding tank, precast concrete building, site electrical, seeding, and other miscellaneous appurtenances related to construction activities.

All project activities will occur at the City Lake, Herington, KS 67449. The estimated project cost is \$251,456, with the grant request for \$209,546 of the project cost and a local match of \$41,910.

Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City of Herington's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. If you need accommodations due to a disability to participate in this event, meeting, or activity, or alternative format of written materials contact Megan Lawrenz, ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours before the public hearing at (785) 258-2271 or at megan@cityofherington.com.

Willowdale 4-H club April Meeting

The Willowdale 4-h club held their exchange meeting with the Holland Sunflowers on Monday April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Sterl hall. Roll call was taken by what was our favorite fair project. The flag salute was held by Amelia. Our Vice President read through the last months meeting minutes. The leader, Jody, shared was for everyone to be looking for the info about YQCA. Then she reminded everyone that the drop/ add deadline is May 1st online. We voted to paint a fence at the Talmage cemetery and the information about that will be shared soon. The project talks were by Creo and he talked about his welding project. Amelia shared about different pig breeds. For the May meeting we will decide fair king and queen candidates and then determine if we are going to participate in the trash can painting challenge.

Camden Depew
Willowdale Reporter



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Congratulations to my two nieces that competed in Dance Nationals and Singing nationals for their school, Lewisburg Middle in Mississippi. Kendall (Pictured lower left) won third in her hiphop routine and first in her contemporary. Anslee (Pictured bottom right) won 1st place in Treble Choir and won overall Grand Champion at the national competition held at Dollywood. I am a proud auntie.



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