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Public Notice
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF POTTAWATOMIE, JACKSON AND NEMAHA COUNTIES, KANSAS
 CHD Annual Meeting – May 2, 2025

The Annual Meeting for Community Hospital District # 1 of Pottawatomie, Jackson, and Nemaha Counties is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2025. The meeting will be held in the Walsh Conference Room at the Community Hospital Onaga beginning at 7:30 pm.

One of the primary purposes of the Annual Meeting is to elect the Board of Directors. This year there are two positions whose terms expire; Tracy Ahlquist and Sarah McKinsey. The Hospital District Bylaws provide for a Nominating Committee to complete the ballot at least ten days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee has completed the ballot for the 2025 Annual Meeting and the nominees are:

Tracy Ahlquist
 Sarah McKinsey 3-2c

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Bucks Grove News

by Colleen Reamer

Seventeen people met together to worship on the beautiful Palm Sunday morning of April 13th at 9:00 am.

Winnie Philipi lit the candles.

After the Call to Worship the congregation sang “All Glory, Laud and Honor”.

Other songs sung on Sunday were “Lead On, O King Eternal” and “What Wondrous Love is This”.

Leroy Rieschick had the special where he played “I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary” by the Gaither Vocal Band.

Trevor Ashcraft read the scriptures. The first scripture read was Isaiah 50: 4-9a. These verses tell of how the Almighty Lord has given His message to Isaiah and he speaks on the Lord's behalf. Isaiah listens to the Lord as he would his teacher. Isaiah has accepted the Lord's message and hasn't turned his back. People have hit him and pulled out his beard but the Lord helps him so he won't be ashamed.

The New Testament scripture read was Philippians 2: 5-11. These passages tell of how Christ had the same nature as God and was completely equal with God but he didn't try to hold to that. He became like a human and when He lived like a man He made himself even less important. He obeyed God completely and died on the cross. Because of that, Gd raised Jesus to an important place and gave Him the name that is greater than every other name.

Pastor Dawn then read to us from Luke 19: 28-40. This Gospel reading tells of how Jesus is heading towards Jerusalem on a young donkey colt. The disciples had put their coats on the donkey for Jesus to sit on. While Jesus was riding along people were putting their coats down on the road in front of Him. When Jesus got near the lowest part of the Mount of Olives the disciples were happy and began to praise God with loud voices. Some of the Pharisees wanted Jesus to stop the disciples but Jesus told them that if these people were quiet, the stones of the city would shout out instead. Pastor Dawn's mes-

sage was Don't Forget the Cross. Pastor Dawn told us that as Jesus approached the city there was a fever pitch of emotion and that the hopes and expectations burst from the people's mouths as they called “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.” Jesus knows that this parade ends in sorrow but He participates fully. He even sends His disciples for a young colt of a donkey because he knows this was recorded in Zechariah 9:9.

Jesus also knows the Messianic expectations of the people but the religious leaders are getting nervous. They don't want a rebellion to break out and they don't want to call down Herold's wrath or have their Passover celebration interrupted. They ask Jesus to quiet the people. Yeah, right, that's not going to happen.

The people are so excited. They have been listening to Jesus teach about the Kingdom of Heaven and something inside of them answers triumphantly. This excitement is a culmination of years of turmoil where political intrigues and oppression has weighed down the people's souls. Jesus' coming into this tension whips up expectations that God will use this moment to bring about their salvation.

Jesus enters the gates to Jerusalem knowing full well where this journey ends. He knows this triumphal entry will end in His disgraceful death. Yet, He participates in the jubilation. Do these people follow Jesus all the way to the cross? We know they don't. But, Pastor Dawn asked us, will we follow Jesus? Will we follow Him through the gates of righteousness, to the cross, and all the way to the end?

If we are following Jesus, where will it end? Jesus declares that he is the gate for the sheep. The way that leads to salvation. Where does this gate lead? No matter where it leads you can't get there except through Jesus. Wherever the gate leads it sounds like it is something greatly desirable. A place where we will be made whole, healed in body, mind and spirit.

Jesus also talked about the gate that leads to life being narrow and hard to find but the salvation that Jesus brings is described as eternal life or abundant life. Does that mean that those who don't know Jesus live a kind of diminished life?

This week had many ups and downs for Jesus. He celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples. After the meal He went into the garden to pray and a crowd came to arrest Him. The cries

of jubilation turn to the terrifying chant of Crucify, crucify Him. Jesus is mocked, beaten, interrogated, falsely accused, sentenced to death and finally crucified. But, next Sunday is Easter where Jesus experienced another incredible high - the Resurrection. Pastor Dawn asked us will you be with Jesus in this, the worst week of His life, the week where He needs you most? Knowing how much He loves you, will you now reciprocate in

The Titus Report...

by Senator Kenny Titus

It was a quick and productive year for the Kansas Legislature as we wrapped up regular business for 2025 last Friday. We shortened the schedule and passed a record number of bills, including overriding the Governor's veto of 14 policy bills and 15 line-items from the budget. Here's a look at some of the highlights from the veto session and my final thoughts on the year.

Veto Session

A constant theme since I took office in 2023 is the record number of vetoes issued by the Governor and the record number of times her vetoes have been overridden. In 2023, we overrode 9 of 15 vetoes and in 2024, we overrode 6 of 15 vetoes. This year set a new record as we overrode 14 of 18 policy bills and 15 of 29 line-item budget vetoes. Here are a few of the key bills and budget provisions that were saved:

- HB 2217 – Allowing the Inspector General in the Attorney General's Office to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in SNAP welfare programs.
- HB 2062 – Providing for child support from the time of conception and an additional personal exemption from Kansas income taxes for an unborn child after 20 weeks.
- HB 2240 – Requiring legislative permission before a state agency can request a waiver from a federal program, specifically adopted to protect programs related to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- HB 2311 – Prohibiting DCF from adopting and enforcing policies for placement, custody and appointment of a custodian that may conflict with sincerely held religious or moral beliefs.
- SB 269 – Creating an automatic reduction in state income taxes when above the rate of inflation and the state's rainy day fund exceeds 15% of the previous year's tax collections.
- Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory – Establishes

kind? Will you complete this journey to the cross?

Prayers are asked for Mark Grollmes after his accident. Carol Pollock had her two granddaughters, Macklyn and Winnie Philipi, with her in church Sunday. Linda Rieschick reported her daughter Beck passed her boards and her granddaughter Maddie passed hers as well.

Services ended with the Benediction and the song “Take Time to be Holy”.

bonding authority for construction of this facility at K-State that will support our state's livestock industry, economic development in the animal health corridor, and spur collaboration with NBAF. This was the second year in a row that the Governor vetoed a major agriculture industry project related to K-State that had passed with bipartisan legislative support.

- Pregnancy Compaction Awareness Program – Restores funding to crisis pregnancy centers across the state which serve as a key support for unexpected mothers.
- Sports Wagering Contracts – Prohibits the Kansas Lottery from renegotiating sports wagering contracts with the big casinos. It is important that those contracts are not extended prior to adjusting the share of tax revenue that the state gets from these activities as the current deals are very one-sided towards the casinos.
- Cerebral Palsy Children Support – It was unclear why the Governor chose to cut \$130,000 in support for a long-standing program that assists children with cerebral palsy.

The Governor also allowed eight bills to become law without her signature, including verification of voter lists with DMV license data, reorganization of the public assistance program statutes, and naming a highway after deceased Rep. Marvin Robinson.

What We Got Right

The last couple of weeks have been dominated by work on the budget and that's the best place to start. We were able to reduce spending for the first time in five years, trimming \$211 million or about 2% from State General Fund expenses. My commitment to cutting taxes is also tied to reducing spending. You should be able to keep your money and do it without the threat of a budgetary crisis. We must continue these trends next year. (SB 125)

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