

NEWS BRIEFS

Police: Body found in wreck that happened days ago

Officials have found the body of a man at the site of a wrecked car that had likely crashed days earlier in Kansas City, Kansas, police there said.

Officers were called Wednesday morning to investigate a report of a vehicle lying in a creek bed along Riverview Avenue, police said. Arriving officers found the body of a man in his 60s.

Police said an investigation led them to believe the man had been driving the vehicle Sunday night when it left the road, hit an embankment and landed in the partially frozen creek bed. The man's name was not immediately released.

Police said the area where the crash occurred is in a wooded area, making it difficult for passing motorists to have seen the wreckage.

Woman found shot to death inside car in Salina

Salina police are investigating the shooting death of a woman as a homicide.

Officers responded Tuesday to a report of gunfire and someone screaming. They found Courtney Ann Hoffman, 36, dead inside a vehicle.

Police detectives are working to identify suspects and locate anyone who might have witnessed the shooting.

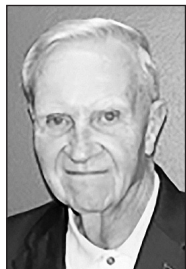
No other information was released.

Watchdog reviews complaint about FBI surveillance warrant

The Justice Department's internal watchdog is reviewing a former Boeing engineer's allegations that he was unfairly investigated by the FBI on suspicion that he was spying for China, according to correspondence and court filings reviewed by The Associated Press. It's the latest challenge related to secretive surveillance powers used in some terrorism and espionage cases.

The inspector general review is unfolding amid broader scrutiny of the FBI's process for applying for court-authorized surveillance in national security investigations. Errors in applications submitted during the Russia investigation of Donald Trump's first presidential campaign, as well as in a larger sample of applications subsequently scrutinized by the watchdog office, have spurred bipartisan concerns about government surveillance powers and yielded alignment from pro-security and pro-privacy voices in Congress.

— Wire reports



Clyde D. Graeber

Clyde D. Graeber, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021. He was born Aug. 29, 1933, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His parents were Clyde P. and Dorothy D. Graeber.

Clyde attended grade schools in Tulsa and in 1945, he was enrolled in Cascia Hall School for Boys, an Anglistian school. He graduated from there in 1950. He enrolled at the University of Tulsa and graduated in 1955 with a degree in political science and economics. He then enrolled at the University of Tulsa School of Law, graduating in 1959 with a juris doctor degree. While he was in law school, he worked full-time at National Bank & Trust Co. of Tulsa. He was promoted to assistant trust officer in 1960. In 1963, he moved to Norman, Oklahoma, as vice president and trust officer with the First National Bank & Trust Co. In 1968, he came to Leavenworth as president of Leavenworth National Bank & Trust Co. He held that position for over 25 years.

In 1979, he was elected to the Leavenworth City Commission, where he served almost six years, two of them as mayor of Leavenworth. In 1984, he ran for and was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives, where he served six terms for a total of 12 years. He was elected by the Republican House members three times as chairman of the House Republican caucus. He also served as chairman of the Federal & State Affairs committee and chairman of the House Banking committee.

In 1996, he announced his retirement from the Kansas House. That same year, Gov. Bill Graves asked Clyde to join his staff as a legislative liaison to the Senate. In 1998, Gov. Graves appointed him to be Kansas state treasurer, where he served for one year. In 1999, Gov. Graves appointed him as

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secretary of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment. He held that position for four years until a new administrator came in office. He then came home and in 2005, decided to run for the Leavenworth County Commission, where he served for about 15 years, retiring early due to health reasons.

In 1972, he married Pauline (Huhn) and they had 48 years together. She survives at the home. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and was a Life Loyal Sig. In college, he was a member of the Arnold Air Society Scabbard & Blade.

Clyde was dedicated to the community of Leavenworth. He served on the Chamber of Commerce board and as its president. He was a member, president and Paul Harris fellow of Rotary Club 210. He was named Leavenworth Citizen of the Year in 1982. From 1981-1988, he served on the president's council of the University of St. Mary. He participated in various activities for Buffalo Bill Days, once playing W.C. Fields at the Star of the West saloon. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Clyde enjoyed shooting trap and skeet and won championships in those events in Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father and brother.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, his cousin, June, his brother- and sister-in-law, Mike and Dotti Huhn, Bakersfield, California, his niece and nephew, Christi Boudakian and Scott Huhn, two great-nieces, Hailey Boudakian and Emma Huhn, and a great-nephew, Zack Huhn.

Clyde was known to be a fair and honest politician and he always listened to both sides of each issue. He will be missed.

Visitation will be at the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum on Monday, March 1, 2021, from 7-9 p.m. Funeral will be Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel.

Interment will be private. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations to the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum or the Leavenworth Public Library.

Condolences may be left on Clyde's online guestbook at www.davis-funeralchapelinc.com

Arrangements are entrusted to Davis Funeral Chapel.



Nicholas (Nick) M. Rizzo Jr.

Nicholas (Nick) M. Rizzo Jr., 78, passed away Wednesday Feb. 17, 2021, at Lansing Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Nick was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 23, 1942, to Nicholas J. and Katherine L. (Vukonich) Rizzo. He attended schools in Detroit and graduated in 1961 from Osborne High School and joined the U.S. Army in 1966. After his discharge from the military in 1969, he worked at various grocery stores as a meat cutter and retired from the Fort Leavenworth Commissary in 2005 with 20 years of service. He went back to work at Walmart in the meat department in 2007 until he suffered the stroke.

Nick is survived by his wife, Kathy, and sons, Nicky Rizzo, Nicholas Rizzo, Jonathan and Ron Carrington, daughters, Kim and Kathy, in-laws, Darrell and Patricia Dorsom, sisters-in-law, Patsy (Tony) Carnoali, Becky Wiegand, and brother-in-law, Bruce (Amy) Turner, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Ronnie Wiegand.

A gathering of family and friends will be at Belden-Larkin Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, from 1-3 p.m. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. There will be a graveside service with military honors at a later date. Memorials in his name may be directed to the family or to SNAP (Special Needs Advocacy Partnership).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Belden-Larkin Funeral Home.

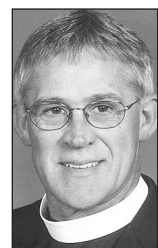
'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return'

We are now a full week into the Lenten season. I hope the words of Ash Wednesday still ring in our ears and hearts and minds. On this day, we are reminded in no uncertain terms and with brutal bluntness that we are creatures, made from dust by our creator, that our lives are finite and that we will one day return to the elements, "the dust" from which we were made.

For those without faith, this idea of deconstruction may present itself as a morbid and final but all too real truth. It may beg the question: "Is that all there is?"

However, for those who have faith in a creator who loves us beyond the grave, we believe our ingredients are more than the dust that makes up the physical body.

We also have the breath of God that forms our spirits and calls us to a connectedness with God on an infinite and eternal level. When our physical life is over and our bodies indeed return to dust, we are reminded, as



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our burial liturgy says, that "in death, life is changed, not ended," and that we have a place forever in God and with God and through God.

The mark of the cross made in ashes on our foreheads is a sign of that hope and promise. It is the good news of Ash Wednesday.

And so, we call on God "to create in us new and contrite hearts," and we are called "by the God of all mercy ... to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." And "to make a right beginning" again, remembering that it is only by God's "gracious gift that we are given everlasting life."

Rev. Steve Lipscomb serves at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Biden nominates 3 to postal board as delays continue

President Joe Biden has nominated three postal experts to the governing board of the U.S. Postal Service, a move that could alter the course of an agency grappling with delivery delays and rumored cuts under its embattled Republican leader.

If confirmed by the Senate, the Board of Governors nominees would bring additional Democratic scrutiny on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major GOP donor whose tenure has been mired by slow service and politicization.

The nominees are Ron Stroman, a former deputy postmaster general; Amber McReynolds, a mail voting advocate who leads the nonprofit National Vote at Home Institute; and Anton Hajjar, the former general counsel of the American Postal Workers Union. A White House announcement of the move came just after a long and sometimes tense congressional

hearing with DeJoy about the agency's ailing financial health.

"President Biden is committed to the USPS' success, and these experienced and tested leaders will ensure the USPS is running at the highest of service standards and that it can effectively and efficiently serve all communities in our country," a White House statement read.

Democrats have been pressing Biden to nominate a slate of potential governors who could oust DeJoy. The six members who currently comprise the board were nominated by President Donald Trump. DeJoy, a prominent supporter of Trump, has come under heavy criticism for a series of operational changes that slowed mail before the 2020 elections. The shifts fueled fears that DeJoy was attempting to sabotage the agency on the behalf of Trump, a vocal critic of mail voting.

— Wire report

As hospital numbers fall, fatigued staff gets relief

Associated Press

When COVID-19 patients inundated St. Louis hospitals, respiratory therapists arriving for yet another grueling shift with a dwindling supply of ventilators would often glance at their assignments and cry, heading into the locker room to collect themselves.

"They were like, 'Man, another 12 hours of this slog of these on-the-verge-of-death patients who could go at any moment.' And just knowing that they had to take care of them with that kind of stress in the back of their head," recalled Joe Kowalczyk, a respiratory therapist who sometimes works in a supervisory role.

Now the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the U.S. has dropped by 80,000 in six weeks, and 17% of the nation's adult population has gotten at least one dose of a vaccine, providing some relief to front-line workers like Kowalczyk. On his most recent shift at Mercy Hospital St. Louis, there

were only about 20 coronavirus patients, down from as many as 100 at the peak of the winter surge.

The U.S. has seen a dramatic turnaround since December and January, when hospitals were teeming with patients after holiday gatherings and pandemic fatigue caused a surge in cases and deaths.

Health officials acknowledge the improvement but point out that hospitalizations are still at about the same level as earlier peaks in April and July and right before the crisis worsened in November. Deaths are still persistently high, though much lower than the peak in early January, when they sometimes exceeded 4,000 per day.

Hospitalizations in Missouri were hovering around 3,000 a day during a stretch from late November into January but have since fallen about 60%. As of Monday, 1,202 people were hospitalized, according to state data.

In Wisconsin, hospitalizations dropped dra-

matically over the last three and a half months, from a high of 2,277 patients on Nov. 17 to 355 on Wednesday, according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association. And the patients who are hospitalized are not as sick.

The number of patients in intensive care has dropped 81% since Nov. 16.



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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) has made available a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) concerning a proposal to construct and operate a new Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) within property comprising the U.S. Penitentiary (USP) in Leavenworth, KS. The FCI would be designed to house approximately 1,152 medium-security male inmates and the FPC would be designed to house approximately 256 minimum-security male inmates (total population: approximately 1,408 inmates). The FSEIS, provided to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, studies potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed action within the USP Leavenworth property and addresses comments received by the BOP concerning the Draft SEIS and the proposed action during the public comment period. The FSEIS will be the subject of a 30-day review period beginning February 26, 2021, and ending March 29, 2021. Comments concerning the FSEIS and the proposed action must be received on or before this end date to be assured of consideration and should be submitted to: Kimberly S. Hudson, Site Selection Specialist, Construction & Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St., NW, Room 901-5, Washington, DC 20534 Tel: 202-616-2574/Fax: 202-260-0702/Email: kshudson@bop.gov. The FSEIS and other relevant documents are available for viewing at: <https://www.proposed-fcifpc-leavenworth.com/> and at the Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce Street, Leavenworth, KS and the Lansing Community Library, 730 First Terrace, Suite 1, Lansing, KS. Thank you for your interest.