

# Ness City Boy Scout Troop 131 is back in action!

After a three-year hiatus, Ness City Boy Scout Troop 131-sponsored by the Ness City Rotary Club-is once again active and growing!

For the past three years, Isaiah Fitzgerald has represented Ness City as a Lone Scout. During that time, he remained fully engaged in Scouting: earning merit badges with the support of local leaders serving as merit badge counselors, advancing in rank, and participating in Council events. Now, with the troop reactivated, Isaiah can enjoy the full experience of scouting alongside fellow Scouts.

This summer, three members of Ness City's Cub Scout Pack-Avery Fuchs, Andrew Kelley, and Aiden Hohlstein-earned Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Arrow of Light. On May 18, at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet, they officially "crossed over" into Boy Scouts. The Arrow of Light badge is a distinguished achievement



and may be proudly worn on their Boy Scout uniforms.

Scoutmaster Joel Fitzgerald, along with Isaiah Fitzgerald (Star Rank), welcomed the new Scouts into Troop 131. The troop

is excited to begin this new chapter with a summer camp adventure planned for July at Quivira Scout Ranch in southeast Kansas.

Troop 131 is back-and the adventure is just beginning!



I have recently discussed risk management options, namely through insurance and price risk. Today is much the same. Producers know what crop insurance is, but with cattle continuing to set new records and our typical grain crops barely covering their break evens, a logical move is to look at forage crop options. Most crop insurance products are based on measuring the production. While we can measure some forage production, it is much harder to do, especially if grazing is incorporated. Annual Forage Insurance uses an index for rainfall. This is based on rainfall for a given region and these zones are found online easily.

Annual Forage Insurance is growing in use by producers, mainly in Central and Western KS, but Rush and Ness county acres are particularly lower than neighboring counties.

Much like typical crop coverage, producers need to select a coverage level. Many producers select 70-75% coverage and this could be kept the same. However instead of looking at the APH, or actual production history, this index is based on the percentage of moisture that falls in your given region. AFI is very similar in nature to Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage (PRF). So, for example if you receive 60% of the historic average rainfall, the policy will pay back. Average rainfall amounts received will determine the payout based on the level selected. If we were to get a 'wet' season, and we get 90% of the average, no payments would be expected. The growing season is broke into windows and rainfall is measured in 2 month increments. So, while any 2

month dry spell can be devastating to a growing crop, this tool recognizes that and that is how the policy calculates the extent of the loss. The rainfall data is collected by NOAA, as not all regions have equal numbers of weather stations.

Every insurance policy does have a cost and producers need to weigh that cost against the indemnities. The deadline for crops intending to be planted this fall (Triticale, dual purpose wheat, etc) has a July 15 sign-up deadline. Multi-peril crop insurance is not available to all crops, so this is a simple alternative. It is also an alternative if you are looking at deficit irrigation or if you are growing a crop that you do not want to use an allotment for, this can help offset the potential loss. In this case you may not want a reduction in the APH, or as with forage crops-it might not exist at all.

As with all farm program information that KSRE has available, contact a local office, or go to the AgManager.info website. All of us at the Walnut Creek Ext. Dist hope the producers of the area have a safe and bountiful wheat harvest.

## Produce only Food Bank to be held July 1

The Ness County Food Bank will be Tuesday, July 1. This is a produce only box! It will start at 9:30 a.m. This will be a drive by pick up on the west side of the Ness County Courthouse in Ness City on a first come, first serve basis until all boxes are gone.

Please return boxes to the Ness City Leisure Years Center.

## Eastside Liquor

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Monday - Thursday  
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Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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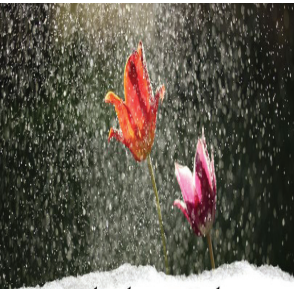
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## Notice

As of April 1 the engraver increased his rate for names to be engraved at the Veterans Memorial. During the Old Settlers Reunion, a reduced rate was offered and we will still offer that rate until July 4.

Rates are listed on donor board at the Memorial.

For more information contact 785-798-5044 or watch for ad in next weeks paper.



Thank you God  
FOR THE RAIN

## USD 303 - Ness City Schools: Surplus Equipment for Sale by Sealed Bid

**USD 303 - Ness City Schools is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus copiers and related items:**

- Ricoh MP C4503 – Color Copier (Library)**
  - 45 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
  - Approx. 1,064,000 copies
  - Includes 4 extra toner cartridges
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  - Approx. 691,000 copies
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  - 60 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
  - Approx. 892,000 copies
  - Includes 4 extra toner cartridges
- Ricoh MP 5002 – B&W Copier (Pre-Kindergarten)**
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- Ricoh MP 5002 – B&W Copier (Elementary School)**
  - 50 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
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  - Includes 2 extra toner cartridges

Bids must be received in the USD 303 District Office by 4:00 PM on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Bids will be opened and prepared for presentation to the Board of Education on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Final decisions will be made during the Board of Education meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025.

To submit a bid, please include:

- The **item(s)** being bid on
- The **bid amount**
- Your **name, address, and contact information**

Submit in a sealed envelope clearly marked “**Sealed Bid – USD 303**” to:  
USD 303 District Office  
414 E Chestnut St  
Ness City, KS 67560

All items are sold as is/where is, with no warranty expressed or implied. Successful bidders will be notified on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

All equipment must be removed no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 21, 2025.

USD 303 reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

For questions or to schedule a viewing, please contact the District Office at (785) 798-2210.

## Ask the Motor Medics®

Syndicated Newspaper Column  
by Shannon Nordstrom and Russ Evans

Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2005 Chevy Malibu, and my power steering has started to give me trouble. I'm a regular listener of your Under The Hood radio show and even though I'm not much of a mechanic you have motivated me to get under my own hood and see what I may find. I thought I'd start with the fluid but now I feel a little strange because I can't seem to find where to fill it. I don't even see hoses in the area of the steering gear. Am I missing something? I love the show guys, keep up the great work!

Dawn in Memphis Missouri

Dear Dawn,

*Don't lose confidence in your mechanical abilities. You are not missing something, the car is. It's missing power steering fluid and hoses because many vehicles are now switching to electric power steering. They eliminate the fluid pump and hoses and use an electric motor attached directly to the steering gear which provides electric assist. It can be a good thing as some of the cars will provide electric steering assist if the engine were to stall, helping with safety. The downside is that they can be very expensive to repair. Check with your local dealership if yours is causing you trouble. They did have a recall on some of them and if yours is one then you could save hundreds of dollars by making a phone call to find out if it's included.*

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

The tires on my 2014 Lincoln drop air pressure. I add air as often as every few days. I have had new tires installed and have made several return trips back to the tire store where they checked for leaks and did what they called resealed the bead whatever that is but they still leak. They now tell me I'm on my own unless I want to buy a full set of new wheels because that is the source of my leakage. Are they for real? How do wheels leak?

Michael in Hastings Nebraska

Dear Michael,

*This subject comes up a lot both on our radio show and in our shop. Tires can leak air for one of two reasons. The first is the tire itself has a puncture which in most cases can be found just by looking at the tire with the naked eye. Often there will be something stuck in the tread or sidewall. The second is something leaking from the wheel and valve stem assembly. In the case of having all four tires leak at the same time it's more likely in the wheels like your store says rather than punctures in the tires. When a car has leaking wheels, it can come from corrosion on the beads and even porosity in the aluminum causing leaks right through the wheel and yes replacement of the wheel is often the only fix. There are many stylish aftermarket options available.*

Take care, the Motor Medics

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Andrew Campfield APRN FNP-C	Tuesday-Friday	Joined in 2024

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