

Wind causes accidents, damage to homes Saturday

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& Auto Repair got it set the semi upright and brought it into town.

Greene said he also responded to the I-70 accident, but after a few minutes he was dispatched to the semi rollover.

In Goodland, the wind uprooted a hundred-year-old tree at Eighth Street and College Avenue. The tree tipped over and damaged the roof of a nearby house.

The wind also blew the back section of roof off a house on Harrison Avenue. Part of the roof was blown over the top of the house and landed in the front yard. Insulation was blown everywhere, even into nearby trees.

In Kanorado, one power pole blew down in the afternoon, causing outages throughout the day. In Tribune, large tree limbs were torn off and metal sheds were damaged. North of Burlington a car had its side window shattered as it was driving.

Longtime editor retires, new face joins Star-News staff

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before moving to North Platte, Neb., earlier this year as a reporter.

Betz said he is looking forward to at least semi-retirement after a career spanning more than 50 years. He said he will take a couple of weeks to help the new editor get settled in, then and shift to other jobs.

Betz said he was a "printer's devil" in the pressroom of the family-owned *Lamar Daily News* in Colorado before he was 10. He became a carrier for the paper in 1960 and moved into the mail room in 1963.

After graduating from Lamar High School in 1967, he attended Lamar Community College before going to the U.S. Navy in 1969. He

attended the Defense Information School and earned a journalist rating, working on Navy publications at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Newport, R.I.

After attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, in 1975 he purchased *The Holly Chieftain* in Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1980 with a degree in political science.

He returned to the Lamar paper in 1982, serving as editor and business manager until 1989, when the family sold the paper to American Publishing.

Betz was publisher of *The Daily News* for American, and after it was sold to *The Denver Post* in 1996, continued until the spring of 1997. In October of that year, he

became publisher of old *Goodland Daily News*. He became editor in 2002 when the paper became *The Goodland Star-News*.

Over the years, Betz has won many Colorado and Kansas Press awards, a Thomas Jefferson Award for his work on a Navy magazine, a National Newspaper Association award for community service and a recognition award from Lamar Community College.

Betz gathered information for nearly 30 years on the 1928 robbery of the First National Bank of Lamar and published a book, "The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a Fingerprint," an account of the robbery, chase and arrest of the robbers, their court trials and executions. The case was said to be the first in the U.S. solved by a single fingerprint.

County takes first step in bond refinance procedure

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the refinancing and allowing them to add more money to the pay down of the bonds.

"We are being conservative in our estimates," he said. "It will allow the county to pay the bonds off early, and feel we will be able to keep things in balance."

The cash flow analysis shows a benefit of about 2.35 percent in doing the refinancing, and allow the county to pay off the bonds in July 2023. He said based on the projections if the county sales tax grows by one percent each year the county should have enough money to pay off the refinanced bonds by 2020 or 2021. He said if the county experiences more growth the bonds could be paid off earlier than 2020.

The estimates show the county is collecting about \$160,000 more each year in sales tax money that

is above the semi-annual debt payments.

Avey said he would be sending figures out to get a bond rating for the county in the first week of January, and would schedule a bond rating call for the commission meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10. He said he feels they could market the bonds as early as Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The resolution allows the commission chairman and county clerk to sign the bond purchase agreement.

Strnad asked if the resolution could be modified to allow the chairman or one of the other commissioners in case the chairman is unavailable when the bond purchase agreement needs to be signed.

Avey said that could be changed to allow flexibility in who signs for the commissioners.

The resolution was approved by Strand and Enfield.

Avey asked about the money the county got back from the state for the County Road 14 project. He said he had heard the county had some problems with the chip seal on part of the project and wondered if that money would be used for that.

"That is always a question about what happens with unspent project money from the previous bonds," he said. "It is good from a federal tax perspective if they are gone."

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the money has not been spent, but it is designated to be used for crack sealing on old U.S. 24 and on County Road 65 west of K-27.

Avey said if the money is spent or committed to be spent they do not have to pull it forward in the refinancing.

Governor amends rule suspension

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Oversize or overweight loads are not to be transported when visibility is less than one-half mile or when conditions of moderate to heavy rain, sleet, snow, fog or smoke exist, or when highway surfaces are slippery because of ice, packed snow or rain.

Participating motor carriers are limited to a load not exceeding 12 feet in width and does not exceed a height

of 14 feet, six inches. Under normal circumstances, haulers are required to get a permit for loads exceeding 8 1/2 feet in width and/or 14 feet in height. All other applicable state and federal regulations continue to apply, including the requirement of having a valid driver's license.

Executive Order 11-49 amends and extends Executive Order 11-47 until Friday, Jan. 27.

Division of Vital Statistics celebrates 100 years

Kansas has been counting births, deaths and other vital statistics for a century, and the top boys and girls baby names are among those recorded each year.

One hundred years ago in July 1911, the Division of Vital Statistics was created by legislation to provide for the registration, compilation and preservation of birth, death and stillbirth records for the State of Kansas.

Marriage records were added in 1913 and divorces in 1951.

Annually the Division of Vital Statistics has released a list of the top 10 boys and girls names in Kansas.

Compiling those for 100 years has seen some real changes in names for babies based on the records. For boys 100 years ago the top name was John the most recent list had Jacob in the top spot. The second spot in 1911 was William, and 100 years later William remains in second on the list.

Third most popular boys name 100 years ago was Charles, but today that is Alexander. Fourth was George replaced by Ethan. Fifth was James replaced by Elijah.

For the girls the most popular name in 1911 was Mary, but today the top spot is Isabella. The second spot 100 years ago was Helen, but unlike the boys the second place name today is Ava.

Third most popular girls name was Dorothy and today it is Sophia. Fourth was Mildred and today that is Emma. Fifth was Ruth and today it is Olivia.

Vital records are the foundation for public health statistics today, as they were a century ago. The data from these records is crucial for identifying, assessing and improving the health of Kansans and certified copies of these records are necessary for proof of age and citizenship and receipt of benefits.

An article written in 1911 by the first Kansas State Registrar, W. J. V. Deacon, explains the need for registering births and deaths.

Deacon wrote deaths should be recorded to keep track of the movement of the population, to obtain information on "where the plague spots are" in order to implement preventative measures, and for the legal value attached to the record in cases of inheritance, insurance and the detection of criminal practice.

The recording of births, according to the article, was needed for tracking the movement of the population and provision of documentary evidence of a person's age and place of birth. These needs are still relevant today.

"There is another argument cited which cannot be improved on. For years it has been the custom to register horses, cattle, hogs and other livestock but the human race has not, until now, seen fit to spend twenty-five cents for the registration of a birth or death," W.J.V. Deacon wrote.

What has changed in 100 years of tracking vital records?

In 1911, the three leading causes of death were heart disease, tuberculosis and kidney disease. One hundred years later, the three leading causes are chronic diseases - cancer, heart disease and chronic respiratory diseases. Communicable diseases do continue to be a concern for public health.

Infant deaths have greatly diminished. One hundred years ago, there were around 3,000 infant deaths annually in Kansas. Today, there are around 250 a year. Kansans are living longer. One hundred years ago, the average age of death was 47 years compared to 74.1 today.

Collection of vital record information and issuance of certified copies has changed from a totally manual process to the availability of a completely electronic one, using a web-based system for faster, more efficient and accurate electronic filing and issuance of vital records. Rapid reporting greatly enhances the ability to identify public health areas of concern and implement preventative measures.

In the next hundred years, improvements will continue to be made in the way vital records are registered and issued and in the collection, analysis and reporting of health statistics to enhance and strengthen the foundation of measuring and improving the health of Kansans.

100-Year Anniversary of Vital Statistics (1911-2011)
Kansas has had 14 State Registrars, the first was W.J.V. Deacon, and the current is Elizabeth W. Saadi, PhD.

When Vital Statistics was first created, 478 local registrars were appointed - every city clerk of an incorporated city in Kansas.

The number of local registrars was reduced later to 148, then in 1986 reduced to 105 (one per county).

In 1988-1990, filing vital records

with local registrars was discontinued and all records were registered directly with the State Office.

Prior to World War II, federal laws were passed prohibiting underage military enlistment, resulting in required proof of date of birth for military recruits.

Kansas birth certificate requests increased from 17,089 in 1939 to 295,208 in 1942.

The Office of Vital Statistics implemented three around-the-clock work shifts, employing 145 individuals to meet the demand.

The request increase lasted until 1945, but numbers never did decrease to pre-World War II amounts.

Currently, around 100,000 Kansas vital events are registered annually and 365,000 certified copies are issued with an Office of Vital Statistics staff of 48.

Around 12 million records have been filed since 1911.

In 1911, all vital record processes were manual. Electronic Birth Certificate Registration was implemented in 1989 and Electronic Death Registration in 2005, adding physicians in 2009. Electronic marriage and divorce registration was introduced in 2006.

Vital Statistics reports

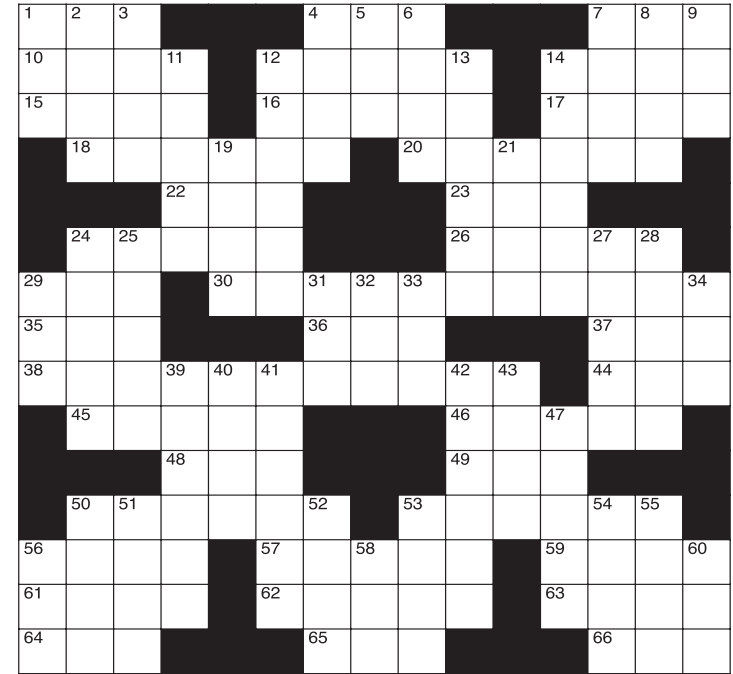
POPULAR MALE BABY NAMES

1911	Current
1 John	Jacob
2 William	William
3 Charles	Alexander
4 George	Ethan
5 James	Elijah
6 Harold	Gabriel
7 Robert	Mason
8 Paul	Noah
9 Frank	Landon
10 Joseph	Jackson

POPULAR FEMALE BABY NAMES

1911	Current
1 Mary	Isabella
2 Helen	Ava
3 Dorothy	Sophia
4 Mildred	Emma
5 Ruth	Olivia
6 Margaret	Addison
7 Thelma	Abigail
8 Anna	Avery
9 Frances	Emily
10 Gladys	Chloe

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Easy as 1-2-3
- Goat and camel hair fabric
- A women undergarment
- British bathrooms
- Assemblages of parts into one entity
- Semitic fertility god
- Dull & uninteresting
- Yemen capital
- Stare impertinently
- Banished persons
- Heart failure & energy supplement
- Reduction in force
- Women's ___ movement
- Polynesian wrapped skirt
- Double-reed instruments
- Own (Scottish)
- Summer window dressings
- Many not ands
- Paddle
- Being a single unit
- Silly behavior
- Insecticide
- A blank area
- Reduces stress
- Morning moisture
- Tear away roughly
- Elevated
- Cristobalite
- Baseball's Ruth
- Indian monetary unit
- Contest of speed
- Having a slanted direction
- Gross receipts
- A river in NE Spain
- The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
- Dynegy Inc. on NYSE
- Japanese monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

- Vestment worn by priests
- The trunk of a tree
- Transmission line cable
- Freshwater duck genus
- Bulk storage container
- Oil obtained from flowers
- Shopping containers
- Abnormal breathing
- Brew
- Bake eggs in their shells
- Serviceable
- A person in the navy
- A child's slight injury
- Fain
- Supports trestletree
- Parian Chronicle discovery site
- Greek famous for fables
- Farcical afterpiece
- Dispatches by mail
- Hall of Fame (abbr.)
- Aah
- Unnaturally pale
- Before
- Fixed in one's purpose
- Madames
- Frosts
- City drains
- Baseball playoff
- Cruise
- Steeple
- Precipitation
- Ancient Greek rhetorician
- A unit of two
- Viewed
- Taxis
- 4840 square yards
- London radio station
- Perform work regularly
- Longest geological time

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

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	6	9			5 7	
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		6	8	5		2
	7					
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		4		3		
6		8	1			

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Advanced

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