



Endacott Society

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It's encouraging to hear that Governor Kelly feels enough vaccine is forthcoming that she can move Kansas into a combined Phase 3 and 4 of vaccine distribution. Hopefully most Endacott Society members have received both doses of their vaccine by now. Even with the two-week waiting period completed after you've been fully vaccinated against Covid19, CDC guidelines say you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more. Travel, unfortunately, is still being discouraged and if you do, viral testing before and after a flight is recommended along with a quarantine period on your return. So be viral vigilant! A fully vaccinated group of Lunch Bunch members was able to have an outdoor picnic (with precautions) in Centennial Park several weeks ago, so that was a hopeful sign of possibilities to come.

The Endacott officers met with Alumni Association president Heath Peterson and his team Mar 23 on Zoom to talk about our suggestions for improvements in the configuration of the Endacott library/computer room in the renovation plans for the Alumni Center. Their architect worked with us on some compromise solutions and we will revisit with them in the near future. Many of you probably read the plans for the Jayhawk Visitor Center in the Lawrence Journal World which came out the following day (Mar 24). Heath plans to visit

with us during a Wednesday Coffee in April on Zoom.

Thanks to Ellen Gold's persistence in researching how we could incorporate closed captioning in our Zoom meetings, Dave Mannering figured out how to get it done. It was tested out in his Computers and Technology group and applied to our Wednesday Coffee Zoom. The technique worked very well and should be of help with members who have difficulty in hearing conversations in meetings.

One of the topics in Wednesday Coffee was what sites were being considered for Endacott meetings in person when it was safe to do so during the time the Alumni Center is closed. Of the places I inquired about many were unsuited to our needs due to accessibility, rental costs, and conflicts of scheduling with other users of that building. We continue to explore all options but do need our members to solicit information about the churches they attend and present ideas we haven't considered.

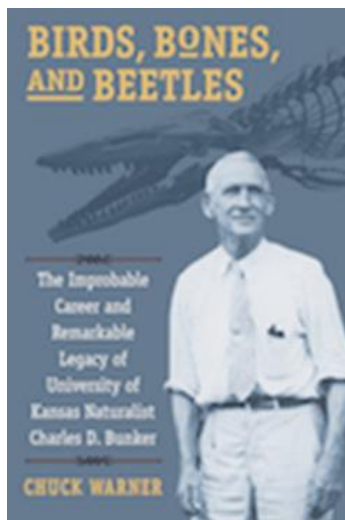
Happy Birthday to members of the Endacott Society who celebrate birthdays during April and congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during the month. ----Jo Cink, President

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions and topics scheduled for April in your Zoom Guide. Consult this resource for

links to meetings of interest groups. Some additional details for a few are provided below.

Arts and Sciences Lecture will meet April 8, Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Charles "Chuck" Warner will talk about ***Birds, Bones and Beetles: The Improbable Career and Remarkable Legacy of Charles D. Bunker***, the award-winning biography he has written about his grandfather.

In the late 1890s, with an eighth-grade education and some taxidermy skills, Charles Bunker began working as an assistant to Lewis Lindsay Dyche, director of KU's Natural History Museum. Bunker would become curator of birds and mammals, and be recognized for creating the first complete catalog of the museum's collections and for mentoring students in specimen collecting. His legacies include the 1911 discovery of the fossilized remains of a 45-foot sea serpent, often referred to as the Bunker mosasaur. The publisher, the University Press of Kansas, provides a 30 percent discount for orders online using the code BBB30 at <https://kansaspress.ku.edu/978-0-7006-2773-8.html>



Great Books will meet Wednesday, April 14, at 1:30 pm. The reading will be Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast*, his reminiscences of his years in Paris as a young

journalist and aspiring fiction writer who moved to Paris with his first wife Hadley Richardson in 1921. They will be discussing most but not all of the "sketches." Anyone who would like to have the reading assignment but didn't receive the list of selections should contact Jim Woelfel. Everyone who is interested in the discussion of *A Moveable Feast* is also heartily encouraged to watch the new Ken Burns and Lynn Novick documentary, "Hemingway," which will be shown on PBS the evenings of April 5, 6, and 7.

Drama Study in April will be reading Marlowe's "***Faustus***." In 1587, the story of Faustus and his unfortunate devil pact first appeared in Frankfurt, Germany, where it became an immediate best seller. The prose narrative then crossed the English Channel, and, within a matter of a few months, after its translation into English, the didactic story became radically transformed in Christopher Marlowe's successful stage play, which has never ceased to inspire new transformations.

Old Time Radio is going to listen to three shows of which John doesn't think he has played any episodes. They will listen to *The Great Gildersleeve* with Hal Peary, *Rogers of the Gazette* starring Will Rogers, Jr, and then play an episode of *Tales of the Texas Rangers*, which were scheduled in November, and promptly forgotten. Join them on April 26th from 1:30 to 3:30 on Zoom.

Ron Schorr recited a few lines of a poem he recalled at a recent Zoom meeting that seemed appropriate for these times of hand sanitizing, so I asked if he could find this copy of the poem.

Strictly Germ-Proof by Arthur Guiterman (1871-1943)

The Antiseptic Baby and the Prophylactic Pup
were playing in the garden when the Bunny
gamboled up;
They looked upon the creature with a loathing
undisguised;
It wasn't disinfected and it wasn't sterilised.

They said it was microbic and a hotbed of disease;
 They steamed it in a vapor of a thousand-odd degrees;
 They froze it in a freezer that was cold as banished hope
 And washed it in permanganate with carbolated soap.
 In sulphurated hydrogen they steeped its wiggly ears;
 They trimmed its frisky whiskers with a pair of hard-boiled shears;
 They donned their rubber mittens and they took it by the hand
 And 'lected it a member of the Fumigated Band.
 There's not a micrococcus in the garden where they play;
 They bathe in pure iodoform a dozen times a day;
 And each imbibes his rations from a hygienic cup —
 The Bunny and The Baby and The Prophylactic Pup.

Answers to last month's KS County Seat quiz if you have not already checked a map or atlas.

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| 1. Doniphan Co. _____ | h) Troy |
| 2. Brown Co. _____ | j) Hiawatha |
| 3. Nemaha Co. _____ | l) Seneca |
| 4. Riley Co. _____ | k) Manhattan |
| 5. Pottawatomie Co. _____ | m) Westmoreland |
| 6. Jackson Co. _____ | n) Holton |
| 7. Jefferson Co. _____ | a) Oskaloosa |
| 8. Wyandotte Co. _____ | e) Kansas City |
| 9. Johnson Co. _____ | i) Olathe |
| 10. Miami Co. _____ | o) Paola |
| 11. Franklin Co. _____ | i) Ottawa |
| 12. Osage Co. _____ | f) Lyndon |
| 13. Waubesa Co. _____ | g) Alma |
| 14. Lyon Co. _____ | c) Emporia |
| 15. Morris Co. _____ | p) Council Grove |
| 16. Dickinson Co. _____ | b) Abilene |

Can you match **the SE Kansas County** with its County Seat? Part 2 (a bit further from home)

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| 1. Labette Co. _____ | a) Independence |
| 2. Cherokee Co. _____ | b) El Dorado |
| 3. Crawford Co. _____ | c) Wellington |

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| 4. Erie Co. _____ | d) Fredonia |
| 5. Bourbon Co. _____ | e) Howard |
| 6. Butler Co. _____ | f) Winfield |
| 7. Elk Co. _____ | g) Oswego |
| 8. Allen Co. _____ | h) Neosho |
| 9. Wilson Co. _____ | i) Wichita |
| 10. Montgomery Co. _____ | j) Yates Center |
| 11. Greenwood Co. _____ | k) Sedan |
| 12. Sumner Co. _____ | l) Columbus |
| 13. Sedgwick Co. _____ | m) Ft. Scott |
| 14. Cowly Co. _____ | n) Iola |
| 15. Woodson Co. _____ | o) Girard |
| 16. Chautauqua Co. _____ | p) Eureka |

During the excellent documentary film on Francis Perkins, F.D.R.'s Secretary of Labor who helped shepherd the Social Security Act through Congress, I noticed a Depression era sign advertising Baffle Bars for 5 cents. I had never heard of them and it intrigued me enough to find an article on popular candy bars that are no longer made. Baffle Bars, made from 1920-1970, were made with walnuts, fudge and "some kind" of jelly under chocolate covering. I don't remember them from my childhood but my eye was always drawn to the penny candy. How many remember the following discontinued candies? Seven Up Bars, Danish Ribbons, Fat Emmas, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Vegetable Sandwich Bars, Nut Tootsie Rolls, and Mary Janes. How about Beech Nut Gum and Clark's Teaberry Gum?. Perhaps a conversation topic for Wednesday Coffee.--- Cal Cink



A masked Lunch Bunch meeting at Centennial Park on a sunny, warm but windy day (Mar 11) and socially distanced except for photo.