

# The Anderson County Review



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## City manager broaches Land Bank idea to sell properties

GARNETT – City commissioners may consider the formation of a Land Bank organization which would streamline the sale and redemption of delinquent properties to the paying tax rolls – and exempt the city from paying property taxes on some properties for which it is now responsible.

City manager Chris Weiner broached the topic to commissioners at a recent city commission meeting in the context of a request from a city resident to purchase a lot the city fell heir to after a dilapidated house on the property was razed at city expense years ago.

Typical procedure for the sale of city property is to advertise it for bids, but Weiner said a Land Bank, established under Kansas law for cities or coun-

ties, makes it easier and faster to sell distressed real estate and put it back on the tax rolls faster. Although municipal property is exempt from ad valorem property taxes, real property held by the city but not in public use is taxed at regular rates and the bill sent to the city. Anderson County Treasurer Dena McDaniel said Garnett

presently pays taxes on four properties, each less than \$100 per year. The legislation allows a Land Bank to be exempt from paying those taxes as well as any accrued property taxes, interest or penalties, except for special assessments to pay for improvement, once it buys or otherwise comes into ownership of a distressed property.

Weiner briefly outlined the formation of the Land Bank to commissioners, saying the organization could be headed by a board of independent appointees or by members of the commission itself, but Weiner said it was important to note that the board once formed was not subject to the authority of the city commission. State statutes defining the formation of Land Banks also stipulate that the organizations' meetings and its financial and other records are subject to state open meetings and open records laws, and places all such records and conduct subject to public inspection. Those statutes also define record keeping and annual

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## December weather funky, but not so far off normal

**December weather not really so far off normal, expert says**

have had their windows open on a few scattered 60 degree days. The average temperature for the entire year has been 58.3 degrees and the yearly norm is 56.4 degrees.

“Some days have been slightly cooler, or slightly warmer than normal for those days,” said Knapp, “But in general we’re just slightly warmer than normal, but not by much.” Knapp said what might be interesting is an upcoming pattern change. Coming up around December 21-27, she says there is a very strong chance that we will see colder than normal temperatures, but the models aren’t showing exactly how much colder that will be.

That same week they’re also calling for an above normal chance for moisture. Knapp says one storm dropping even a half an inch of snow could put us above nor-

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Emergency workers confer at the scene of a truck fire last week on US 59/169 just south of Garnett. The driver was apparently unaware the rig was burning and traveled several miles before passing driv-

ers notified local authorities to stop the vehicle. Traffic was blocked for a short period of time but the blaze was extinguished quickly and no injuries were reported in the incident.

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## Tragedies set dark theme for our 2017

**The year robbed us of six lives** all involving motor vehicles, with lifelong impact on friends, families

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – One thing stands out overall as we look back over 2017 in Anderson County – it was a strong year for tragedy in our communities.

There were positive happenings of course; a bumper corn and soybean crop, school athletic accomplishments, successful local events and individual milestones – like the award of the French Legion of Honor medal to former

Welda resident Bill Brecheisen for his service in WWII.

But unfortunately what rung loudest in 2017 across too many local spectrums was the sound of grief, and most of it was for the pain and loss of the young.

It began with a warning of sorts when three teens were severely injured in a four-wheeler accident in February. Then it came on in deadly fashion with another mishap involving an ATV ride near Lane that injured and subsequently killed 23 year-old Brittney Feuerborn, a former Greeley resident now living and working in Pittsburg.

Two days later searchers found the body of 24 year-old Tyler Gibson, another ACHS graduate, who after a police chase in a stolen vehicle

on April 5 leaped from the Belvue River Bridge into the rain swollen Kansas River. His body was recovered by searchers 12 days later about a mile downstream.

As spring turned into summer there was more heartbreak. In June, after a night at a local bar, 22 year-old Clay Yoder attempts to walk from Garnett home to Mont Ida when he is run over and killed by Jason Wilson and Ashley Hobbs, who flee the scene. Yoder is found by his mother, who’s out looking for him. Wilson and Hobbs are later apprehended, charged and sentenced. But the tragedy doesn’t end with the loss of the young man. His uncle, 52 year-old Troy McDaniel of Welda, heading home from work to attend a fund raiser for the Yoder family in Garnett, dies from injuries

after he’s involved in a highway crash on U.S. 169 northeast of Greeley.

July brings more darkness when Andrew Holstine swings a vehicle into a parking stall at Sandra’s Quick Stop south of Garnett on the 4th of July and smashes into a sidewalk bench where 75 year-old Lloyd Sutton is sitting talking to another man. Sutton later succumbs from his injuries. Holstine flees the scene and is later charged with involuntary manslaughter, impaired driving and drug offenses.

Two additional families reap heartache in September when 42 year-old motorcyclist Flint Macklin can’t avoid a vehicle pulling into the highway and crashes his bike into a car driven

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## City, new manager work for new fit

GARNETT – Far-reaching stories from any year are those which have a genesis in one year with implications that shape news and events in a community possibly for years to come.

One of the most major stories in Anderson County involved the changing of the guard at the city manager’s post in Garnett, from Joyce Martin’s persona of some 50 years experience in local happenings to 27 year-old Chris Weiner’s new outsider’s approach to city business. The effects have been immediate and encompassing.

Weiner took issue almost immediately with former methods of compiling the city’s budget, particularly in the assumption of various city expenditures into the city’s utility fund to be paid from utility revenues instead of tax dollars, and overall at the use of utility reserve funds to subsidize the city’s budget in order to keep the city’s mill levy low. Weiner said he preferred to assemble the city’s various department budgets with their own revenue



Weiner

and cost figures wholly within their own line items in the interests of clarity and transparency.

In approving previous years budgets city commissioners indeed signed off on those methods, and took pride on a number of occasions in announcing a miniscule increase or sometimes – depending on moves in the city’s assessed valuation – slight decreases in the city mill levy. But consistent year-to-year spending increases in the city budget and

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## Laiter incident will follow department, county as fallout develops from prosecution

GARNETT – The instance of former county jailer Lex Laiter, accused this year in sexual incidents with county jail inmates, is another of 2017’s occurrences which will impact Anderson County for an untold term.

The exuberance with which the Kansas Bureau of Investigation pursues prosecutions against “bad seeds” within the law enforcement community is well known. The KBI wasted no time in publicizing Laiter’s arrest, and a probable cause affidavit obtained by the Review contained almost no redactions from either prosecutors or defense lawyers – a true rarity in the release of those public records.

But that approach is understandable. If law enforcement hopes to maintain its reputation for trust, it has to be squeaky clean and by the book, and certainly at the level of the jail officers who hold sway over people the system has incarcerated and in so doing rendered vulnerable. Not only does the incident besmirch Anderson County’s reputation – the county derives revenue by renting beds

to surrounding counties, after all – it may well have repercussions for sheriff Vern Valentine, on whose watch as head of the county jail, the incidents allegedly occurred.

So too could it affect county government in general and its liability insurer if any of those alleged victims opt to sue – individually or in a class action – for damages from violations of their rights. That impact could affect the county’s liability premiums – and hence the taxpayers who pay them – for years to come.

If nothing else, the Laiter incident illustrates the terrible importance for local government officials to ensure their hires are quality individuals whose actions will benefit and speak well for the public in the jobs they do.



Laiter

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## REVIEW DEADLINES

The Anderson County Review will have early deadlines and the office of Garnett Publishing will be closed for New Year's. The office will be closed Jan. 1. Display ad deadline will be noon Wednesday, Dec. 27, and classified ads will be due by 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, for the Jan. 2 edition.

## U, X, Y, Z TAGS DUE

License plate renewals for all individuals whose last name begins with U, X, Y and Z are due by Friday, Dec. 30, at the Anderson County Treasurer's Office.

## COURTHOUSE EARLY CLOSING

The Anderson County Courthouse will close to the public at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29th. The employees will remain working after 11 a.m. to close out the fiscal year but are unable to collect any additional funds.

## COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

## DANCE CLINIC

ACHS Crimmon Dancers Dance Team "LOVE YOUR LIFE" Dance Clinic, in memory of Crimmon Dancer Brittany Feuerborn. For students in Grades K-6: Saturday, January 6, 2018, 2:00-4pm at ACHS Gym. Registration starts at 1:30pm. Questions call 785-448-7514 or 785-304-2394.

## HARVESTERS HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION

The Harvesters holiday distribution will take place on Thursday, December 28th at 4:00 p.m. at the Quonset Hut.

## DRUG TAKE BACK

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department has purchased a drug take-back box using money collected from registered offenders. It is located just inside the front office door of the sheriff's department. Drop off expired or unused medication 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Remember you are on surveillance camera so do not try and remove anything from the box. Do not place needles in the box. Dispose of sharps by placing them in plastic laundry detergent bottles or a plastic milk jug, secure the lid and throw them in your trash.

## SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP 1ST TUESDAYS

SAM - Suicide Awareness Members, a division of SASS-MoKan - meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the Garnett Library located at 125 W 4th Ave in Garnett. The facilitator is Lu Ann Nichols, who may be reached at lu.ann.nichols.1956@gmail.com.

## KS-VINE AVAILABLE

Kansas VINE: Victim Information & Notification Everyday (KS-VINE), is an automated victim notification service. Kansas VINE is free and anonymous and provides victims of crime and the general public the ability to search for an offender housed in a county jail and receive notifications.

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2017

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 11, 2017, at the County Commission Room. In attendance were Jerry Howarter, David Pracht, and Leslie McGhee. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

### Adds, Abatements, Escape

Adds A18-102 through A18-103, Abatements B18-124 through B18-136, Escape E18-110 were approved as presented.

### Road

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. He let the commission know that he will be getting contracted bids for the diesel fuel and gasoline for the shop in 2018. The bids for a new motor grader will be opened at the next meeting. Lester got a quote for a new 10-wheeler truck. He asked to purchase the truck from Westfall GMC. He was able to get the MODOT contracted price of \$158,772 for a 2019 Mack Granite truck. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to purchase a 2019 Mack Granite truck from Westfall GMC for \$158,772 to be paid out of the Special Machinery fund. All voted yes.

### Zoning

Tom Young, Zoning Director, met with the commission. Tom gave an update of the zoning issues that have been going on within the county. He inquired about raises for his position and the Road Department secretary. Discussion was tabled until the salary committee can meet and discuss the positions.

### Emergency Management

J.D. Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. He will be getting a grant from the ASPCA for \$4,000 for an enclosed trailer to provide a shelter during emergencies. J.D. found a trailer for \$4,700 at Blue Valley Trailer in Fort Scott. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to purchase a trailer from Blue Valley Trailer for \$4,700 to be paid for by the grant monies and remaining \$700 to be paid out of the Emergency Management fund. All voted yes. The fencing around the radio tower at Bush City needs to be replaced. J.D. will be receiving bids on the work to be done. The Colony Fire Station needs a new truck with a box on the bed. The current truck isn't large enough to hold all equipment required and doesn't have a big enough engine to haul such equipment. Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Supervisor, found a 2004 Ford F550 truck fully assembled with low mileage for \$44,500. This option is much cheaper than assembling separately. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to purchase a 2004 Ford F550 rescue truck from Command Fire Apparatus for \$44,500 to be paid out of the Rural Fire fund. All voted yes.

### SE KS Mental Health

Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to appoint Pat Uhlenhake to the vacant Anderson County seat on the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Board. All voted yes.

### Economic Development

Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to withhold and suspend the 2018 Economic Development payment of \$20,000 to the City of Garnett. Discussion will be held as to the future of the department with the City of Garnett. All voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. due to no further business.

### Fence Dispute

The County Commissioners reconvened at 1:15 p.m. at Charlie Allen's residence to view a fence in dispute. Those in attendance were the County Commissioners; James Campbell, County Counselor; Julie Heck, County Clerk; Mike Burns; Jack Hiner; Burt Peterson. The length, location, and terrain surrounding the fence were viewed. The distance needed to erect the fence and who's responsible for what (including cost) will be decided on. The decision was tabled until further discussion can be held.

### LAND TRANSFERS

Jerry R. Carey and Crystal Carey to Cody A. Yoder and Katherine A. Yoder: Lots 5, 6, and 7 in Block 24 of the Railroad Addition to the Town of Welda.

Coby Jakeob Sebastian Cochran to Russell M. Miller: Lots 11 and 12 in Block 6 of the South Addition to the City of Kincaid.

Orval G. Stever to Roy D. Wools and Debra L. Wools: Commencing at a point 37 7/100 feet south of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of 6-23-19 at a point which is 60 feet north of the north line of Block 9 in the Town of Colony. Thence 60 feet north of the north line of Block 9 in the Town of Colony. Thence east 360 feet parallel with First Street. Thence north parallel with the west line of Section 6 to intersect the railway of the St. Louis and Emporia Railroad (now Northern Pacific Railroad). Thence in a south-westerly direction along said railway of section line. Thence south to said section line to the place of beginning. Also one-half acre off the north side of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter west of the road in 6-23-19.

Christopher P. Webb and Paula D. Webb to Jacob D. Bennett: The west half of the southeast quarter of 26-22-20 less the following described tracts: Commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 26. Thence east along the south line of said Section 26 a distance of 1,092 feet to the true place of beginning. Thence north 238 feet. Thence east 208 feet. Thence south 238 feet to the south line of said Section 26. Thence west along said south line of said Section 26 a distance of 208 feet to the place of beginning. And less beginning at a point which lies 600 feet east of the south quarter corner of said Section 26. Thence north 430 feet. Thence east 400 feet. Thence south 430 feet. Thence west 400 feet to the place of beginning.

Dennis H. Graham and Glenn H. Graham Jr. to Jeffrey W. Dimsdale: Lots 5, 6, and 7 in the Pretzer Addition to the City of Garnett.

Donald D. Wettstein aka Donald Wettstein and Susan M. Wettstein aka Susan Wettstein to Matthew Phillip Reasoner and Peggy Marie Reasoner: The west half of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7 and the east 4 feet of Lot 8 in Block 3 in Chapman's Addition to the City of Garnett.

### LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Velocity Investments LLC has filed suit against Johnathan Thoele, Garnett, asking \$4,137.41 plus interest and costs for breach of contract.

### DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Jennifer L. Young, Garnett, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Gary Young, Garnett. Divorce granted December 18.

Changel C. Findley, Ft. Leavenworth, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Harold Y. Quinones, Ft. Drum, NY. Divorce granted December 18.

Megan Nicole Briggs, Garden City, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Zachary Ryan Briggs, Garden City. Divorce granted December 18.

Erik Scott Sedam, Topeka, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Brittany

Jean Downs, Topeka. Divorce granted December 21.

Amanda E. Howard, Greeley, has filed a Petition for Divorce against James Walter Howard IV, Parker.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Taylor Jo Earnest, Garnett, and Osten Montgomery O'dell, Osawatomie, filed for a marriage license on December 19.

### CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Derek J. Beck, Garnett, has been charged with battery, criminal threat, domestic battery, and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Hearing scheduled for January 16, 2018, at 9 a.m.

Frank J. Hale, Aurora, Mo., has been charged with criminal trespassing. Defendant plead guilty on December 19 and was sentenced a fine of \$293.

Joseph T. Daulton III, Garnett, has been charged with criminal threat, domestic battery, and intimidation of a victim or witness. Hearing scheduled for January 9, 2018, at 9 a.m.

Ronnie James Whitehurst II, Garnett, has been charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of reckless driving. Hearing scheduled for January 9, 2018, at 9 a.m.

### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

John E. Cox, Garnett, has been charged with driving while license suspended, failure to have vehicle liability insurance, and failure to wear a seat-belt. Hearing scheduled for January 16, 2018, at 9 a.m.

Gessica Ann Tastove has been charged with speeding 71 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Catherine Elizabeth Harper has been charged with speeding 89 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$249.

Marcus W. Borntrager has been charged with speeding 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$195.

Kelly L. Wilson has been charged with speeding 73 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Roger Allen Scheckel, Garnett, has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second offense. Hearing scheduled for January 9, 2018, at 9 a.m.

Anthony Monroe Kelly has been charged with failure to drive on the right side of the road as required, \$183.

Robert Leslie Taylor II has been charged with speeding 82 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$195.

### GARNETT MUNICIPAL COURT

Derek J. Beck, Garnett, has been charged with driving without a valid driver's license, \$150.

Shane L. McNeil, Kansas City, Mo., has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Tya Chantell Hoover-Mena, Caney, has been charged with speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Marisa D. Cole, Tahlequah, Okla., has been charged with speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$180.

Mollie A. Smithson, Stilwell, Okla., has been charged with speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Ramon Garcia Jimenez, Garnett, has been charged with overtaking/passing a school bus, \$250.

Michael P. Hammond, Fulton, Ky., has been charged with speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Mathew Christian Rasmussen, Polk City, Ia., has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Lyndsey Kate Brown, Broken Arrow, Okla., has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Todd Nathan Wright, Ottawa, has been charged with speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$180.

Kurt F. Schwarz, LaCygne, has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.

Amy B. Burkdoll, Princeton, has been charged with speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$180.

### GARNETT POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On December 9, Alicia Stofko, Colony, was arrested on a warrant.

On December 9, Taylen Baumgardne, New Strawn, was arrested for permitting an unauthorized minor to drive.

On December 11, Crystal Schweizer, Bassar, was arrested for possession of opiates and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 12, Tanner Vansickle, Williamsburg, was arrested on a warrant.

On December 13, Derek Beck, Garnett, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, battery, criminal threat, domestic battery, and aggravated endangerment of a child.

On December 17, Joseph Daulton, Garnett, was arrested for domestic battery and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 17, Ronnie Whitehurst II, Garnett, was arrested for aggravated assault, reckless driving, and driving on the right side of the roadway.

On December 18, Roger Scheckel, Garnett, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### GARNETT POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTS

On December 7, Seth Shane Strauss, Abilene, was the victim of theft. A tool box, Muck boots, pliers, ratchet straps, and tarp were stolen, valued at \$445.

On December 17, Jonnice Lashell Young, Garnett, was the victim of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and reckless driving.

On December 20, Betty Lou Allen, Garnett, was the victim of burglary and theft. A fiberglass ladder was stolen, valued at \$90.

### ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTS

On December 2, John Wayne Brown, Greeley, was the victim of battery and criminal trespassing.

On December 10, Louis E. Goodrich, Kincaid, was the victim of theft and criminal trespassing. A log splitter was stolen, valued at \$800.

## ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On November 9, a vehicle driven by Candie Coulter, Garnett, struck a cow while northbound on Neosho Road.

On November 19, a vehicle driven by Huey Bailey, Irving, Tex., struck a deer while southbound on Highway 169.

On November 20, a vehicle driven by Carl Hensley, Broken Arrow, Okla., was struck by a deer while northbound on Highway 169.

On December 2, a vehicle driven by William Beech, Colony, struck a deer while southbound on 900 Road.

On December 3, a vehicle driven by Stacy Holloran, Garnett, struck a deer while eastbound on 300 Road.

On December 4, a vehicle driven by Scott Burrow, Iola, stopped while southbound on Highway 169 because an axle on the trailer was on fire.

On December 5, a vehicle driven by an unknown driver left the roadway and struck a KDOT sign.

On December 9, a vehicle driven by Lonnie Crawshaw, Baldwin City, left the roadway, entered the ditch, and caught on fire when the driver fell asleep while southbound on Highway 59.

On December 13, a vehicle driven by Judith Almond, Parsons, left the highway while northbound on Highway 169 and struck a utility pole.

On December 17, a vehicle driven by Deantae Perkins, Independence, struck a deer, left the roadway, and went down an embankment while traveling on Highway 169.

On December 18, a vehicle driven by John Foley, Omaha, Neb., attempted to pass and struck a vehicle driven by Marvin Hartman, Mapleton. The Hartman vehicle lost control after being struck, left the roadway, and damaged a fence.

On December 18, a vehicles driven by Bryton Strickler, Colony, and Darian Rubow, Chanute, struck at the top of a hill while traveling opposite directions on 600 Road.

On December 19, a vehicle driven by Steven Weindorfer, Cherryvale, caught fire while traveling on Highway 59.

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reporting requirements. Weiner said other cities in Kansas had used the Land Bank vehicle in their efforts at economic development, for housing programs and other instances in which encumbered property was sought for eventual private development or where it could be a part of city development projects.

Commissioners took no immediate action on the discussion.

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**RYMAN**

JANUARY 16, 1931 - DECEMBER 18, 2017

Marguerite Morris Ryman, age 86, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2017, at her home in Garnett.

Marguerite was born at White City, Kansas, on January 16, 1931, the third child of Robert O. and Pearl (Keeble) Morris.

She attended school in White City, graduating in 1949. Marguerite became a member of the White City First Christian Church at an early age in 1943. She was a life member of the White City Order of the Eastern Star and also was a past Worthy Matron of White City and Kincaid. Marguerite was also a member of the Garnett American Legion Auxiliary.

She married Wylie Ryman who worked for M-K-T Railroad and made their home in White City, Erie, Centerville, and Kincaid. While living in Kincaid, she worked several years with Goldie Gull doing interior decorating, was manager of Martindale Villa Apartments, and worked at Kincaid Post Office. After the death of her husband Wylie, she moved to Garnett in 1994.

Marguerite enjoyed having her grandchildren and family gatherings. She enjoyed crocheting, cards, dancing and traveling. She was in the fifty states, Canada, Mexico, Nova Scotia, England, Scotland and Ireland. Marguerite's biggest thrill was traveling through New Zealand where she met her pen pal of over fifty years. She enjoyed the



Ryman

companionship of Roy Baker before his death in 2014.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wylie Ryman; her parents, Robert and Pearl Morris; and her brothers, Robert D. and Benton Morris; great grandson, Bishop Bruce.

Marguerite is survived by her four sons, Kerry and wife Judy of Garnett; Lyle and wife Kaye of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Glenn Douglas of Wichita; and Russell and wife Sandy of Iola; twelve grandchildren, Kelly and Britt Mattix, Karissa Ryman and Daryl Lewis, Julie and Kellen Cottrell, Glenn Ryman, Galen and Justean Ryman, Amanda Ryman, Laura Ryman, Vannesa and B.J. Rayburn, Nicole Ryman, Sarah and Jake Bruce, and Austin Ryman, Matthew and Catherine Flynn; great grandchildren, Samuel, Burke, and Ava Mattix; Triston and Hunter Herod; Bella Ryman; Clement and Foeller Cottrell; Lillian Ryman; Caleb, Kelsey and Kennedy Ryman; Kenley Ryman; Brilee, Baron, and Bailey Bruce; sister, Reva and husband Bob McIntridg; sisters in law, Margaret Memmer, Alice Schultz, and Ruth Morris; brother in law, Alan Heidel.

Funeral services were Friday, December 22, 2017, at the First Christian Church in Garnett, Kansas.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at the Dunlap City Cemetery, Dunlap, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner Hospital for Children in St. Louis, Missouri and may be left in care of the funeral home.

You may send your condolences to the family at [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com)

**MILLER**

JUNE 29, 1938 - NOVEMBER 21, 2017

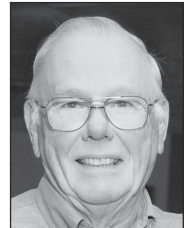
Harold "Lee" Miller, age 79, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Richmond, Kansas.

Lee was born on June 29, 1938, in Garnett, Kansas, the son of Jim Miller and Pearl Miller Barnett. He attended school in Garnett and graduated from Garnett High School in 1956. On March 17, 1957, he married Helen Cassity at Bush City Baptist Church. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in March 2017.

Lee joined the Air Force after high school graduation and served for 4 years. He and Helen returned to Garnett in 1960. He joined his father's business, Miller's Garage, which he eventually owned until he retired in 2011. Lee was a member of the Garnett Fire Department and served as Chief from 1998 to 2009.

Service to others was an important part of Lee's life. He belonged to the Garnett Optimist Club and enjoyed grilling many hamburgers and hot dogs at community events.

The American Legion was very significant to Lee. He served locally as the Adjutant and was a member of the Color Guard. He was recognized as a member of the Veteran's Honor Organization,



Miller

Forty and Eight. At the state level, he held the position of State Commissioner of Baseball for a number of years, running zone and state tournaments.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; his great grandson, Hunter Crary; stepfather, Jim Barnett; stepmother, Arlene Miller; and his stepbrother, Jim Searson.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Miller, of Garnett; his four children, Pam McGuire and husband, Mic of Olathe, Kansas, Kim Mitchell and husband, Jim of Bonner Springs, Kansas, Dr. Jim Miller and wife, Lynn of Butler, Missouri, and Rob Miller and wife, Amy of Leavenworth, Kansas; ten grandchildren, Shawn McGuire and wife, Denise, Caitlin Toso and husband, Justin, Whitney Crary and husband, Dr. Ben, Cassity Wooten and husband, Ross, Nathan Mitchell and wife, Paige, Brett, Keagan, Margo, Sam and Grace Miller; and one great grandson, Lincoln Crary; two stepsisters, Sandy Miller and husband, Dennis of Ottawa, Kansas and Cora Sue Underwood of Front Royal, Virginia.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett. Burial followed in the Glenloch Pleasantview Cemetery, west of Garnett. Memorial contributions may be made to the Garnett American Legion Baseball Fund. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com).

**HERMRECK**

JULY 2, 1956 - DECEMBER 19, 2017

David John Hermreck, age 61, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away at his home on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

He was born July 2, 1956 in Garnett, Kansas, the oldest child of Floyd and Louann (Landwehr) Hermreck.

Dave married Nancy Mader

on September 12, 1981 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Scipio.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, December 23, 2017, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Scipio, and burial followed in the St. Boniface Cemetery.

**WELLS**

JUNE 4, 1930 - DECEMBER 20, 2017

Clifford H. Wells, age 87, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at Guest Home Estates in Garnett.

He was born June 4, 1930, in Garnett, Kansas to Edna Kueser and Lester Holman. He was later adopted by Charles L. Wells when he and Edna were married.

He met and married his wife,

Dorothy Marie (McGill) Wells on June 10, 1951, in Belvedere, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church at Scipio, burial following at Holy Angels Cemetery, Garnett, Kansas. The family will greet friends one hour prior to service at the church.

**ELLIS**

JANUARY 13, 1947 - DECEMBER 18, 2017

Vernon "Slug" Ellis, age 70, died in the comfort of his home in La Cygne, Kansas on Monday, December 18, 2017.

He was born on January 13, 1947 in Escondido, California to Vernon and Kay (Singer) Ellis. Slug married his wife, Linda

(Church), in 1983. A visitation service was held at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett, Kansas on Thursday, December 21, 2017. A graveside service immediately followed at Lone Elm Cemetery.

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# A truly historic week for America

Analysts, historians and scholars will look back on this week as the moment the Trump administration became truly historic.

The publication of the National Security Strategy report on Monday, followed by the passage of the largest change to the tax code in 31 years, guarantees that President Trump's first year in office will be seen as a remarkable success.

These are two very big achievements, and without the right leadership, focus, and determination both could have easily failed.

The hostile and bitter news media have been — and continue to be — relentless in their mission to mislead the American people about the progress President Trump and Republicans are making.

The media have continuously lied about Trump's foreign and national security policies. Similarly, the media have spent the last few months misconstruing reports about tax reform. They have lied about policies and gone out of their way to emphasize anything about the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that they view as negative, while skillfully avoiding covering the cuts, credits, and reforms that will benefit hard-working Americans.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have been as relentlessly hostile as the news media. The Democratic leaders have also been more focused on escalating anti-Trump pressure and "resistance" than working with Republicans and the president to pass positive reforms for the American people.

However, despite facing all of this, the Republican team banded together and worked toward achieving big goals and implementing bold changes. And this week, America saw them succeed.

Two very big, long-term projects came to fruition in a three-day period. One had taken almost a year. The other could be traced back to House Speaker Paul Ryan's call for tax reform in December of 1998 — before he was even sworn in as a freshman House member from Wisconsin. In fact, the tax reform legislation could be traced back 25 years to Ryan's work for two other Republicans — Sen. Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and later former Rep. Jack Kemp of New York on supply-side economics and job creation.

Both of this week's historic achievements

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reflected candidate Trump's campaign pledges. During the campaign, candidate Trump articulated a stronger and stronger critique of the existing national security and foreign policy consensus. By the South Carolina primary, he was repudiating President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq. Throughout the campaign, his contempt and hostility for President Obama's policies were intense, resolute and unhesitating.

The new National Security Strategy report is an extraordinary break with the globalist elite model of a "New World Order" that had defined U.S. foreign policy from the early 1990s, when the collapse of the Soviet Union made the Reagan Doctrine outmoded — because it had worked.

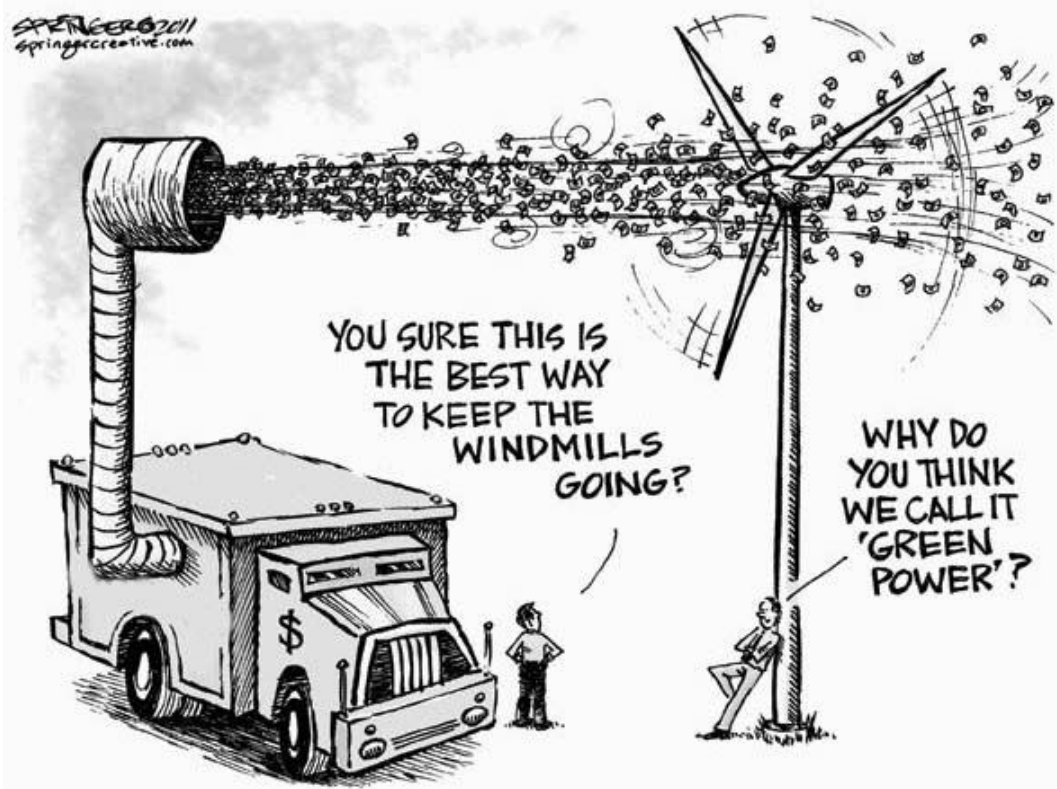
The explicit linking of economic and technological goals as the long-term foundation for effective national security is a decisive break from the post-World War II pattern of giving away economic advantages in hopes of achieving diplomatic goals.

The definition of a sovereignty-based — or America First — approach to alliances and relationships is a recognition that ensuring our nation's safety and preserving America's role in the world depends on a strong, prosperous American economy.

Amazingly, the new central role of economic growth came to fruition the very same week as the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

It is symbolically appropriate that the tax cuts designed to once again make America pro-

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Hey you stupid (deleted). That KU student wasn't killed two miles south of Welda, it was two miles north of Welda. Get your (deleted) together you (deleted).

Why are people so upset with the house across from the grade school? It doesn't look so bad compared to the ones that are in town. Drive around and look at those, and then go call your 1800GOTJUNK.

This is to the person that lives out by the new grade school. You need to call 1800SHUTYOURMOUTH and we will be glad to show up and put tape over your mouth. We get tired of you week after week complaining about nothing. Really, put some tape over your mouth. Thank you.

We love the Phone Forum. It's a drinking game. Every time someone complains about the house across from the grade school, we take a drink of beer. Boy, do we have to (deleted).

We can't believe what's going on down at city hall. Giving people tickets for feeding starving cats? Really? How dare you? Are you guys really that barbaric? Wake up people, its not the 16th century any more. (edited for brevity).

Calling from Florida. Would sure like to get the online paper back so we can see the news before it gets old. Thank you.

# The analysis: Giving Trump credit where its due

Republicans have tried, on and off, to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling since the 1980s. The effort has always engendered intense opposition and always been abandoned. A provision for drilling in ANWR is included in the Republican tax bill almost as an afterthought.

Republicans took a constitutional fight against Obamacare's individual mandate to the Supreme Court in 2012, and lost. They targeted it in their Obamacare repeal-and-replace bill earlier this year, and lost. They tried again with a last-ditch "skinny repeal" bill, and lost yet again. Repeal of the individual mandate also is included in the Republican tax bill.

As the year ends, President Donald Trump is compiling a solid record of accomplishment. Much of it is unilateral, dependent on extensive executive actions rolling back President Barack Obama's regulations, impressive judicial appointments and the successful fight against ISIS overseas. The tax bill is the significant legislative achievement that heretofore had been missing.

For much of the year, Trump's presidency had seemed to be sound and fury signifying not much besides the welcome ascension of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court; now, it is sound and fury signifying a discernible shift of American government to the right. It's hard to see how a conventional Republican president would have done much better, except if

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

he had managed to get Obamacare repealed. The tax cut is big — \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, and even more if you account for the budgetary gimmicks — and has changes that conservative economists have sought for decades, particularly the lower corporate rate (from 35 to 21 percent), the move to a territorial tax system (companies would only be taxed on their earnings in the U.S.), and the business expensing (companies can write off the full cost of new buildings and equipment).

The administration's deregulatory apparatus has been in full gear. The Environmental Protection Agency is unspooling the Waters of the United States and the Clean Power Plan, major Obama-era regulations. The Federal

Communications Commission reversed net neutrality. The Education Department rescinded an Obama administration Title IX letter that pushed colleges into abandoning due process in sexual-assault cases.

Obama administration rulings that occasioned fierce debates during his time in office have fallen by the wayside with barely a whimper. Obama blocked the Keystone pipeline. Trump greenlighted it without a fuss. Obama imposed a Health and Human Services mandate that feminists portrayed as the only obstacle between women and a "Handmaid's Tale" future. Trump reversed it, and contraception is still widely and easily available in America.

Three acts stand out — pulling out of the Paris accords, decertifying the Iran deal and declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel. All three demonstrated an imperviousness to polite opinion that is one of Trump's signature qualities.

The president also began the process of ending DACA, the Obama amnesty for so-called DREAMers, and has re-established a baseline of immigration enforcement that has had an instant impact on illegal border crossings. None of this is to deny Trump's failings. His toxic persona could drive a Democratic wave in the 2018 midterms. Whatever next year brings, though, Republicans aren't leaving this one empty-handed.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

# Every Kansas candidate has some skin in the game

What if you could run for a statewide or federal office without having to worry about whether you'll keep your underground Statehouse parking garage slot?

Now, there are probably good reasons for those four to try for bigger offices, but those four — so far — can campaign for another job at no risk to their current posts.

The four are, of course, state senators who are in the middle of four-year terms which means they won election in 2016 to terms which don't expire until 2020.

How's that for a belt and suspenders?

The four, so far, are State Sens. Steve Fitzgerald, R-Leavenworth, and Caryn Tyson, R-Parker, who are running for Second District Congress to take the place of retiring U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kan.

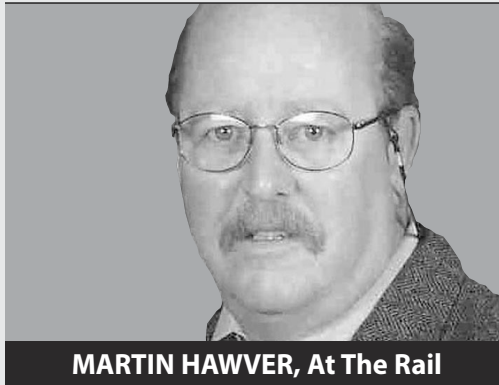
Oh, and of course Sen. Laura Kelly, D-Topeka, who is running for governor, and Sen. Marci Francisco, D-Lawrence, who is running for Secretary of State.

Win and they have new jobs; lose, they retain their Senate jobs for another two years.

Oh, but don't forget that a handful of Kansas House members are running for higher office without that mid-term safety net, seeing that House members only have two-year terms. They win, or they have to return to buying their own lunches and drinks because lobbyists quickly lose interest in Kansans who can't vote on bills they and their clients want passed.

Who is making the big bet — because re-elec-

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MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

tion to the House is probably more likely than having to make friends with a much larger group of Kansans?

Well, start with House Minority Leader Jim Ward, D-Wichita, who is after the Democratic nomination for governor and who last year was re-elected to an eighth House term with 58.5% of his district's votes — just 3,336 to land him his House seat.

Another risk-it-all candidate? Three-term Rep. Kevin Jones, R-Wellsville, who is risking it all with his U.S. 2nd District House candidacy.

Oh, and down-ballot there are two candidates for the GOP nomination for Secretary of State who are betting it all. They are seven (non-consecutive) term House Speaker pro tem Scott Schwab, of Olathe, and three-term Rep. Keith Esau, a Republican also of Olathe, who are

giving up the seats that each has recently won with high-50 percent margins, for the bigger job — or more time to spend on yardwork.

Practically, everyone would like to move up to higher office, where they can have a bigger effect on Kansans' lives, whether it is making voting faster, managing the state, or in Congress drawing a little of that federal budget to Kansas, or maybe just preventing Congress from ignoring programs that are important to us.

Put aside for a moment every candidate's promise to make life in Kansas better, or save the water table or provide better schools, roads, care for the poor and such, which each candidate has his/her own idea of just how to do that. You might just want to consider that some candidates are risking a lot more — likely their political futures — to accomplish that.

The non-legislators who are in the races? Well, we'll presume they are making a living now and probably are serving their communities in some way.

And, even those job-safe senators who either get bigger jobs or keep their present jobs probably have a little-thought-about effect of pulling into the campaigns for the offices they are seeking some hard-won experience that will color those campaigns.

We've all heard campaign promises that we know just aren't do-able and while they look nice on a palm card or at a public forum really aren't going to happen. Sometimes it's the experience that some candidates bring to the campaign that brings some practical realism to the elections.

— Martin Hawver is publisher of Hawver's Capitol Report — to learn more about this non-partisan statewide political news service, visit the website at [www.hawvernews.com](http://www.hawvernews.com)

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— Ronald Reagan

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**January**

Pyramid Foods of Rogersville, Mo., purchases the local Country Mart Grocery Store from Bob's Super Savers. The City of Garnett's insurance company has instituted a new "Return to work program" designed to help injured employees get back on the job more quickly or amend their job descriptions based on those injuries. City officials discover an employee no longer with the city forgot to send water samples to the state health department last fall to test for copper and lead, and the city was forced to notify residents through its city newsletter. Anderson County's elected officials were sworn into office Monday, Jan. 9, at the Anderson County Courthouse, as a result of the Nov. 8, 2016, election. They included Judge Eric Godderz, County Clerk Julie Heck, Register of Deeds Sandra Baugher, Sheriff Vernon Valentine, County Attorney Brandon Jones, County Commissioner Jerry Howarter and County Commissioner Dave Pracht. Heck and Pracht are new to their respective offices, the others are incumbents. Outgoing county commissioner Gene Highberger describes his 20-year stint in county office as being "more than a Monday." Anderson County voted for President Trump in a big way last November, and most of those interviewed by the Review regarding the president's upcoming inauguration say the country should give him a chance to show what he can do. Garnett High School graduate Deborah (Wright) Watson presents a short film she produced at ACJSHS on the topic of PTSD entitled "Taneycomo." A mid-January ice storm expected to be severe ends up less trouble than anticipated, to the relief of locals who remember the ice storm of 2002. An official for Calpine Corporation says the company is taking a "wait and see" approach to a proposed project here, after stiff opposition locally and other company projects in Oklahoma and Texas. Anderson County's zoning board denies a citizen request to adopt regulations that would basically ban wind farm construction over all of Anderson County. The county is hit hard by the flu virus, with schools and work places reporting heavy absenteeism. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins announces she will not seek another term as U.S. Representative from Kansas 2nd District, opening the seat to a number of potential seekers. Garnett City Manager Joyce Martin and members of the city's parks and recreation board want to construct a rope playground in an area south of the Garnett Rec Center. Karyn Yoder of Mont Ida wins the Anderson County Spelling Bee.

**February:**

Longtime Garnett coach and local personality Ray Meyer passes away at the age of 96. Nate Berry and Laurel Godderz are king and queen of Crest winter homecoming. Fire sweeps through the former Kids Creations manufacturing building adjacent to MFA Oil in Garnett, burning the items planned for sale the following day in an estate auction conducted by a local auction company. USD 365 will swap entrances at ACHS to improve security. Garnett True Value is purchased by Gerken Rental and will reopen as Garnett Home Center. City leaders hope to tap special government grants and other financing to cover costs of a new water plant in Garnett estimated to cost some \$14 million. ACHS students Nicole Wittman, Hunter Spencer,

Sydney Scheckel, Brady Rockers, Adam Kropf, Caleb Anderegg, Katie Lybarger Trevor McDaniel and Jasmine White are recognized as Kansas Honors Scholars. County commissioners institute tougher regulations for the operation of windmills in the county after a long-running debate. Garnett city commissioners are reviewing applications along with a head hunting firm to start evaluating candidates to replace long-time city manager Joyce Martin. Dallas Higginbotham, Dominic Sutton, Kyle Lamb and Cole Denny represent ACHS at the state wrestling tourney, with Breck Furst and Avery Stalford representing Central Heights.

**March**

Garnett city manager Joyce Martin fires police chief Kevin Pekarek without comment. Kenny Kellstadt retires from ACHS after 44 years with the Garnett school district. The Kansas Department of Transportation asks for help from The City of Garnett to stop putting signs on the highway median east of the Garnett Country Mart Store after they're blamed as a visual obstruction that caused a near-crash. Local fire crews from Anderson County deploy to Reno County to help fight devastating wildfires there. Robert Garcia and Justin Spurrier are the new owners of the former Garnett House, built in 1858 and used primarily as a hotel and, later, as a doctor's office, and the two plan to reopen it for commercial lodging. A dry winter season has led to a burn ban that precluded many local farmers from burning pasture. ACHS students Katie Lybarger and Tessa Jirak baked 16 pies in recent weeks raising \$3,000 at a local auction to be used for fencing supplies and other relief needs for western Kansas farmers and ranchers hit by recent wildfires. Garnett's Chuck Gettler wins a \$5,000 community grant for the Anderson County Historical Society from his employer, Phyllips 66. Garnett promotes policeman Kurt King to chief of department. Anderson County plans to call the performance bond on a contractor more than two years after a section of work on 1600 Road was completed due to continuing problems there.

**April**

Rainfall recorded in March added 1.64 inches to the county's precip total for the year, but it barely dented the two-inch continued deficit as the area begins a dry 2017. The City of Garnett hosts an introduction event so people can meet Chris Weiner and David Forrest, finalists for the city manager position to be hired shortly. Assistant principal and athletic director Matt Self is promoted to principal at ACHS to fill the vacancy left by the retiring Kenny Kellstadt. Three men are arrested for allegedly beating and robbing the manager of Pappa's Front Porch Antiques in Garnett. Ottawa attorney Forrest Lowry sues the City of Garnett and Anderson County after he falls on ice near the Anderson County Jail and breaks his ankle. New Garnett city codes inspector Gary Giczewski says he'll focus on ADA access issues in his new city post. Two ACHS graduates, one from 2011 and the other from 2012 die tragically in the same week; Brittany Feuerborn, formerly of Greeley, died from injuries sustained in an ATV wreck, and Tyler Gibson dies after leaping from a bridge in Pottawatomie County. Garnett City Employees announce plan to take over the annual Chamber of Commerce fireworks Liberty Festival in Lake

Garnett Park this July 1 after the chamber announced it will no longer host the event.

**May**

After 16 controversial months as a local issue, Calpine Corporation of Houston, Tx., announces it will junk a plan for a wind farm in eastern Anderson County. Chris Weiner, former city manager of Girard, is hired to fill the post of retiring Joyce Martin in Garnett. A 3.3 inch rain over the last weekend in April results in local flooding and quenches a year-long drought in the area. A whiteboard message "Love Your Life" written by Brittany Feuerborn at her workplace in Pittsburg shortly before her accident becomes a message of hope and inspiration when her co-workers adapt it into a wall hanging. Twenty-four year-old Bradlee Pratt gets 30 months in prison for an Osage County chase that swept through Garnett on City Wide Garage Sale Day in September 2016. An autopsy on 24 year-old Devyn Long, who died mysteriously at a rural area west of Garnett in December, determines his cause of death as hypothermia. A Baldwin City couple dies in a collision with a semi north of Colony. After a local individual is duped out of \$1,000 in a fake IRS scam, county sheriff Vern Valentine ramps up publicity about criminals impersonating officials in collection rackets. Garnett commissioners reconsider their initial decision not to kick in \$2,500 in tourism funds to help the county fair board meet a \$30,000 guarantee to have a carnival at this year's county fair. USD 365 revises the way it calls executive session meetings to fit state law after a complaint by a local patron.

**June**

A new policy adopted with the USD 365 Student Handbook prohibits students from taking each others photos without their permission. For the first time in years, USD 365 has two contested school board seats in upcoming elections. Kinsey Laird from Central Heights and Crest's Billy Lyda won 3rd and 4th respectively in pole vault and 200 meter at the Kansas State Track Meet. Local residents along with the rest of Kansans will feel the pinch this year after Kansas Legislators institute the largest ever income tax increase in state history. Local oil producers say President Trump's pullout of the Paris Climate Accord may have saved small producers from going out of business due to the accord's environmental impact on oil producers. The county's rural landowners are now in a pinch due to state property appraisal mandates that base land values on an 8-year production period that now includes some of the best crop prices in history, at a time when cash flow from those same commodities are tanking. Still, ag land prices remain high. A new traffic turn lane west of Garnett Elementary School will cost \$318,000 and should be completed by the start of the school year. Jason Wilson and Ashley Hobbs, both of Garnett, face charges in the late-night hit-and-run incident west of Garnett that killed 22 year-old Clay Yoder. Signature tiles at the Garnett Depot sold and inscribed years ago as a fundraiser for the Prairie Spirit Trail have failed due to weather and vandalism, and will be reproduced in a plate version inside the depot's passenger area.

**July**

County fair organizers announce a new event-bull riding- for this year's Anderson County Fair. After nearly 30 years and notable

growth in the church, Garnett Church of the Nazarene pastor Phil Rhoades announces plans to leave Garnett and take a post in church administration. County road supervisor Lester Welch says his department relies heavily on citizen input to craft the departments work and maintenance plan. Felony charges are filed against Andrew Holstine of Garnett after a car crash at Sandra's Quick Stop in which Lloyd Sutton dies from his injuries. Loose dogs in the rural areas of the county become a topic after ACH ambulance personnel are held at bay on an emergency call by a Westphalia area residents' dogs. The public - and taxpayers - come through with \$5,600 to fund the 2017 Liberty Festival fireworks display and help fund a 2018 nest egg. Longtime local fire department member and former fire chief Jerry Gettler is remembered for his commitment to the community and his humor. Low prices for the commodity means few local farmers planted wheat this year. USD 365 establishes a pre-school program at an estimated cost of \$51,000. Slightly cooler temperatures greet the opening of this year's Anderson County Fair. The local volunteer fire departments are looking for volunteers who can commit the time to train and serve, and take the heat. Claims for electrical damages by city residents illuminate the availability of main surge protectors to protect a building's electrical appliances. The Anderson County Health Department undertakes a PR campaign to help build awareness about the center's services, like daycare licensing, well woman exams and family planning.

**August**

Newly-hired Garnett City Manager Chris Weiner says he wants to revise the city's budgeting format so that actual costs for different departments are not lumped into the city's utility fund, in hopes of making costs for city operation more transparent. Regional emergency responders converge on Garnett to perform "mass casualty" training to prepare for major injury incidents in the local area. A Frontier District Extension analysis of Anderson County shows our declining population is making more income, but paying more in county taxes to fund a county budget which has expanded some 47 percent since 2008. Good spring moisture and cooler temperatures are boosting expectations for corn and soybean crops. The county's annual publication of delinquent property taxes show a 24% hike in delinquencies this year over last year at nearly \$378,000. A Kansas Attorney General's office finding determines USD 365 was "inattentive" but not deliberate in issues surrounding its methods of calling executive session meetings. Anderson County drivers will now be issued a new state driver's license design, specifically formatted to comply with approaching federal ID requirements for airport security purposes, three years early. Local schools and the rest of the region prepare for an upcoming solar eclipse on August 21, with Anderson County near the "path of totality" arcing through northeast Kansas. The century-old building that once housed Garnett's Pennsylvania Hotel is scheduled for demolition on the south side of the square. ACJSHS is opening for the new school year with a new security design that puts the main doors to the structure on the south side of the building. A six-county analysis by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation shows Allen county leads the area in crime. County commissioners and zoning officers discuss how outdated septic systems are thwarting sales of some rural homes. Debt-laden Calpine Corporation, which dropped plans for a local wind farm, seeks to sell itself to a private equity firm after ongoing financial problems. The big solar eclipse comes and goes, mostly on a cloudy Aug. 21. Local governments work through their first budget compilations that are subject to a state law capping property tax growth. Although a cool, wet summer fools us, Anderson County's dry winter still has us at about half the rainfall we should have had this year.

**September**

Former Anderson County residents now residing in the Houston, Tx., area are either fleeing or staying put amid historic flooding in the area. Plans for a renovation and reorgani-

zation of county courthouse offices may start taking shape by October, county officials say. Staffers at the county treasurers tell county commissioners another round of tax sales of delinquent properties could target some \$800,000 in currently delinquent taxes. Two contenders presently representing Anderson County, 12th District State Senator Caryn and 5th District State Representative Kevin Jones, will vie for the 2nd District Congressional vacancy to be created by Lynn Jenkins' retirement. Most former local residents now living in south Florida say they'll ride the storm out as Hurricane Irma prepares to make landfall on the state's southern coast. Kincaid's Flint Macklin is killed in a night time motorcycle accident northeast of Garnett which severely injures the other driver. USD 365 school board members vote to put the vacated Mont Ida School on the auction block later this month. What had been lower gas prices jump as storms batter Texas. This year's freshman class at ACHS is the largest of any at the school, numbering 92 kids. Anderson County continues to rank toward the very bottom of Kansas' 105 counties in the annual number of abortions performed on resident women, according to an annual abortion report released by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. County commissioners take the first steps toward setting up health savings accounts for employees to help combat the escalating cost of employee health insurance. Garnett's American Legion/VFW Post conducts a POW/MIA ceremony as part of a recent event honoring soldiers who never returned home. No injuries are reported but some area residents are evacuated when a gas line ruptures and explodes near Welda. Two years after its opening, the financial plan and debt structuring that built the new Anderson County Hospital is on track, according to hospital service growth and county financial records. Dalton Duke and Jennifer McSwane are crowned king and queen of Garnett homecoming.

**October**

Anderson County Commissioners aren't warm toward the idea of a Tyson Foods chicken plant which is being stoutly opposed in Tonganoxie, though Coffey County Commissioners retreat into executive session at a recent meeting to review confidential specs for the project. The accidental delivery of "strong" beer to the annual Cornstock Festival's beer garden curtails organization sales when state liquor agents discover the snafu. Jewel Armstrong is crowned queen of the Kincaid Fair. Early reports of harvested corn say the grain is still a little moist due to cooler temps and recent rains. Bill Pracht of Westphalia is tapped for the position of CEO at the East Kansas Agri Energy ethanol plant to fill Jeff Oestmann's vacancy. Sixth Avenue Boutique & Bronze is building a new building at the corner of 6th and Maple in Garnett which owners Terry and Sandra Zook hope to have open in time for Christmas. City officials anticipate a water rate increase that may double for the construction of a new \$13 million water treatment plant. Garnett's zoning board debates a proposal from Review publisher Dane Hicks to revise regulations to allow residential living in first-floor commercial structures downtown. A bill for \$13,000 to the county for the care and housing of an Anderson County juvenile offender has prompted county sheriff Vern Valentine to seek the legal means to assess parents the cost of detaining their juvenile offender children, and county commissioners say they'll study the plan with legal counsel. Sammy Walter is the lone qualifier from Garnett in 4A girls golf. The property tax valuation appeal for East Kansas Agri Energy may take years to finally resolve, says Anderson County Appraiser Steve Markham. Rural water districts in the area which purchase water from the City of Garnett say they'll keep an eye on prices that city officials say may double to pay for a new city water treatment plant. AC's girls cross country team wins 2nd in their regional meet at Burlington to qualify for the 4A State meet. Anderson County's unemployment rate drops to 3.4 percent. Rick and Peggy Tholen will

posthumously grand marshal the Garnett Area Chamber Commerce Christmas Parade in November. County fire chief Mick Brinkmeyer submits a \$307,000 grant to fund a new fire department building in Welda. Mackayla Jones and Caleb Stephens are crowned queen and king of Crest homecoming. Dr. Sandi Otipoby partners with Dr. John Ulenhake to form a new dental practice at the former Garnett Family Dentistry offices in Garnett.

**November**

Local police say an ACHS student's threat to commit a school shooting which kept some local kids home from school for a day was largely an exaggerated rumor. Friends and neighbors coordinate a fund raising effort for Leslie Keim of rural Garnett who lost his arm in a combine accident while harvesting soybeans. Anderson County Emergency Dispatch is now geared to receive 911 text messages in cases where an audio message is not possible. Corn tops 150 bushel per acre in some locations locally and 45-50 bushel soybeans. Former county jailer Lex Laiter faces 13 charges from alleged consensual sexual incidents with inmates while he worked for the county jail. A Topeka man spends a chilly night in the countryside in handcuffs after he runs from a traffic stop north of Garnett. Local elections pick Brigitte Huss as new Garnett City Commissioner, Sonya Martin and Gina Witherspoon at board members in USD 365. Ninety-five year-old Bill Brecheisen of Welda is awarded the French Legion of Honor medal for his service in France in World War II. The KBI investigation that led to charges against Lex Laiter allege he got an inmate at Anderson County Jail pregnant and subsequently paid part of the costs for her abortion. His grandson's penchant for honey resulted in a retirement hobby for Marlin McGown and the birth of the Golden Prairie BeeKeepers club in the local area. Garnett's city budget hearing becomes a forum for discussion of city policy in keeping property taxes low but continually tapping the city's utility reserves to grow expenses. Local fire department stalwart and American Legion baseball promoter Lee Miller passes away after a lengthy illness. Anderson County and its cities see a percentage bump in retail sales tax collections in October for November distribution.

**December**

Anderson County's unemployment rate dips to 2.9 percent, the lowest since the Kansas Department of Labor started keeping county-level records in 1990. A months-long project that is bringing fiber Internet service to Southeast Kansas and Garnett wraps up this month, according to KsFiberNet. AC Bulldog Adrianna Pedrow sings a letter of intent to play softball next season at Fort Scott Community College. Jason Wilson is sentenced to 49 months in prison for the June hit-and-run death of Clay Yoder. County appraisers' office staff gets a move on-out of the office's traditional space at the northwest corner of the Anderson County Courthouse across Oak Street to the county annex in the first part of the courthouse reorganization. City officials continue to weigh at times dubious information and input regarding the proposed new city water plant from a variety of consultants and engineers, and plan a January water plant summit to include all the players so far in hopes of arriving at a set plan that works for the city and is affordable. KU freshman, 19 year-old Andrew Metcalf, is killed enroute to his home in Independence on his first Christmas break from college when his car is hit by an out-of-control semi north of Welda. Local tax preparers say they're anticipating the changes for their clients that will be made in the new federal income tax code with a Republican tax reform package making its way through Congress. County commissioners opt to hold a \$20,000 payment to the City of Garnett for its share of their partnered economic development funding until more is known about the county's direction in ecodove after the departure of director Dennis Arnold. Gwynn Holman wins the Review's Great Christmas Giveaway with its \$1,000 grand prize for the second year in a row.

**Letter to the Editor**

Another successful Holiday Homes Tour is in the books and there are so many to thank! We started the tour at the beautifully decorated library with holiday music and refreshments. Thank you so much to the St. Rose School Singers and ACJSHS Brass Quintet who gave up some of their weekend to entertain us with great Christmas music. The Friends cookie bakers provided a wonderful variety of Christmas cookies and candies for all to enjoy. Next, a thank you to the St. Boniface Catholic Church, for a wonderful service. The message and the music were

taken to heart. As we left the church, we enjoyed a stroll through the decorated Priory. A huge thank-you goes to the homeowners. All the houses were so beautiful in their own unique ways. Each who visited these homes were in awe. We so appreciate the many hours that were put into making these houses look so special. Another thank-you goes to Erin Miller of Garnett Flowers and Gifts for her generous gift of poinsettias for every stop on the tour. The Holiday Homes Tour is a major fundraiser for the Friends of the Library, so we do appreciate all who pur-

chase tickets and enjoy the tour. If you missed it, you missed an amazing event. We hope you will put the first Sunday in December on your calendar now so you can enjoy the tour next year. We are now ready to start thinking about next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to show off your home to a very appreciative group, please contact the Garnett Public Library. Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year. Sincerely, Marcia Mader and the Friends of the Library

# WEATHER...

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mal for the month of December, but the models aren't yet showing how much moisture, or what form of moisture, we may be getting that week.

The latest drought monitor shows all but two counties in Kansas in some state of drought. Anderson County is shown as being abnormally dry, but not yet moderate or severe, even though we have seen no moisture at all for the month of December. Knapp says there are very strong moisture signals to the south and east of us, but none to the north and west where most of our moisture comes from this time of year. The normal precipitation for the month of December in Anderson County is only 0.89 inches.

The pattern that is the cause of the dryness is a La Nina, which cools the waters of the Pacific. Knapp said that tends to push the moisture that we might normally get to either the north or the south of us. It also creates stronger winds that cause sudden drops in temperatures. "Normally we're warmest when the sun is out, but with this pattern we might see our warmest temperatures at night, then by 3 or 4 p.m. the wind picks up and we drop several degrees in temperature," said Knapp.

She warned that the current conditions create a lot of fuel for active fire behaviors. "People should be very careful about outdoor fire sources, including outdoor decorations," Knapp said. "Watch for loose or exposed wires, and be careful when burning." Knapp says that a good snow would help eliminate some of the fuel that fires would typically feed on.

Anderson County fire officials have declared a burn ban in the county until further notice, with several adjacent counties instituting similar bans on outdoor fires.

# TRAGEDIES...

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by 42 year-old Becky Brown at the intersection of U.S. 169 and 2000 Road. Macklin, a local welder and father of three, is killed. Brown, a mom employed at the local high school, is severely injured.

The year closed with the highway death in December of a 19 year-old University of Kansas freshman heading home to Independence on U.S. 169 on his first collegiate Christmas break. Andrew Metcalf, a noted photography student in Montgomery County 4-H, was headed south when his car was struck by a northbound out-of-control semi north of Welda.

Though the year saw its share of mourning, it also saw an accidental inspiration for those who remain. In leaving work for the weekend of her accident, Britney Feuerborn doodled a whiteboard message for her coworkers: "Love Your Life."

It's a message that resonated in the area even among people who never knew her, and one which many will take with them into the unknowns of the New Year.

# SPORTS Rogers 60th anniversary



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Burke and Charlene Rogers of Garnett were married on December 22, 1957 in Eureka, KS.

They have a daughter, Dela and family, living in Fredericksburg, VA and a son, Kurt and family, here in Garnett.

They will be celebrating the occasion with family and friends over the holidays.

# GINGRICH...

FROM PAGE 4A

ductive and prosperous passed the same week that the new National Security Strategy report was released.

The key slogan of the Trump presidential campaign was "Make America Great Again". The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is designed to make America greater by making America more competitive. The two goals of this legislation are to lower individual taxes so that working Americans have more money in their pockets and to lower business taxes so that businesses are incentivized to invest in the U.S. economy and create jobs.

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14 Westphalia	15 Westphalia	16 Westphalia	17 Westphalia	18 Westphalia	19 Harris	20 Harris
21 Harris	22 Greeley	23 Greeley	24 Greeley	25 Greeley	26 Bush City	27 Bush City
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## CALENDAR

## Can you identify my most recent discovery?

Well all you antique lovers and collectors, how many of you can identify the old artifact pictured below?

I'll admit it looks very crude, but considering it's over 100 years old, I was able to immediately identify it as a very old straight razor.

I recently found it at a depth of 6 inches at my latest 1800's site.

Straight razors go back into the 1500's-1600's. The Golden Age of the straight razor was actually between 1850-1870.

Their typical handles (known as Scales) were made of horn, wood, bone, tortoise shell and ivory. In 1868 celluloid scales were introduced.

Straight razors were still popular up into the 1950's. Actually the very early straight razors looked like small hatch-

### DIGGING UP THE PAST



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ets. It was likely that these were made by the local blacksmith.

What shaving was actually like with these razors is anyone's guess (perhaps that's why most men grew beards).

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roekers  
18 Dec. 2017*



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## MANAGER...

Shelbi Hettinger from Central Heights signed a letter of intent to play volleyball next year at NCCC.

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repeated notices from Martin at previous budget hearings that the city was whittling down its cash reserves led to little doubt that the city's utility rate payers were subsidizing property taxpayers who owned land and buildings in Garnett.

Another far-reaching topic revolves around the proposed construction of a new city water treatment plant at a cost of an estimated \$13 million - a project that was in its infancy when Weiner took over the city manager's office and one for which he's had to pick up the ball and run. Conflicting input on this project seems to come from all around, from rural water associations to engineers studying the option to other engineers chiming in from the outside. So specifics have been fluid in the discussions of the project, especially those that may impact an estimated doubling of water rates in order to pay off the extra \$1 million per year debt service over a 20 year-term.

Commissioners and Weiner will also confront in coming weeks two decisions involving Anderson County with obvious impacts on city/county relations; one in a burgeoning debate over the structure of the city/county economic development agency after the retirement of director Dennis Arnold, and another over the development in Garnett of a 'land bank' that allows the city to avoid paying property taxes on land it has acquired which is not being used for public use.

Every city manager has to balance local politics while pushing forward for effective results, all while pleasing his/her bosses enough to keep the job. The melding of Weiner's style with the city commission's has not yet been settled, but it's clear the city manager has no easy landing in the new job.

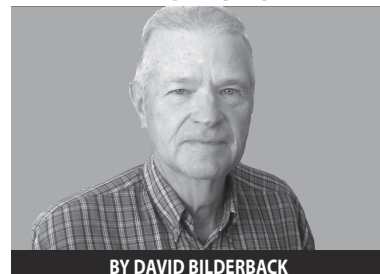
## The necessity of carrying advent forward!

We are into the Advent season which is the time when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. Interestingly enough God and Jesus made appearances on this earth before Jesus' incarnation 2000 years ago. God descended to this lower earth in the form of a man on the plains of Mamre when he appeared to Abraham concerning the birth of his son Isaac. In Genesis 18:1-2 we read, "The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them he hurried from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground."

In Genesis 32:24-30; God appears at the brook of Jabbok where Jacob wrestles with God. In wrestling with Jacob, God appeared in human form. In Genesis 32:27-28, we read. And he (God) said to Jacob, "What is your name? And he said Jacob. Then he (God) said your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with man and have prevailed."

In Joshua 5:13-15, we see an appearance of the pre-incarnate Son of God at Jericho to encourage Joshua prior to the battle of Jericho. In Daniel 3:19,25, we read how Shadrack,

### WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

Meshach and Abednego who along with Daniel were taken captive to Babylon were cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar because they would not worship the golden image the king had set up. The king sentences the three to death in the fiery furnace then sees that they are protected from the flames and heat by a fourth person who "is like a son of the gods." This is again a visible manifestation of God.

On the plains of Mamre, by the brook of Jabbok, beneath the walls of Jericho and in the fiery furnace are examples of how God broke into human history. This Advent season

we celebrate God's greatest gift to mankind, the birth of the long awaited Messiah. At the end of Advent season which is four Sundays we will have lit all four candles around the evergreen wreath which stand for Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we will light the Christ candle.

On God's calendar of events nothing else remains to happen prior to the return of Christ. All prophecy has been fulfilled. That is why our expectations should move beyond Advent and the Christmas celebration. Just as it was foretold of the birth of Jesus in Micah 5 we are told of the certain return of Jesus in Revelation 22. Jesus will break into human history again. We need to be prepared to meet him face to face. With this in mind I hope we can carry Advent forward.

*Author of the book "On the Other Side of the Door"  
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## Notice of hearing

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, December 26, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD MAHLON FOUSE, Deceased. Case No. 17-PR-41

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF ANDERSON

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated on December 19, 2017, has been filed in this Court by Delong Tong, as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent praying that the instrument attached to the petition dated December 16th, 2015, be admitted into probate, and for the appointment of Delong Tong as executor of said Will, without bond.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the administration will be

given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the admission of the decedent's will to probate on or before January 18th, 2018, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in this Court in the city of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Delong Tong, Petitioner

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# Crest Christmas vacation is from Dec 20 - Jan 4

## Calendar

Dec. 27-Court, City Hall Community Room, 6 p.m.; City Council meeting follows, 7 p.m.; Fire Dept. fire meeting, fire station, 7 p.m.; Jan. 1-New Year's Day, all businesses closed; Jan. 3-Lions Club, United Methodist Church basement, 7 p.m.

## School Calendar

No School until Jan. 4.

## Meal Site

27-Live music, Vision cards accepted-chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, Prince Edward veggies, fruit cocktail; 29-sloppy Joe, potato salad, peas and carrots, hamburger bun, ambrosia salad; Jan. 1-New Year's Day, kitchen closed.

## Christian Church

Scripture presented at Dec. 17 church service was John 1:14. Charlie Towne brought the sermon "Celebrate Christmas-God has Visited Us".

Dec. 24-Christmas program during Dec. 24 morning worship at 10 a.m.- 11 a.m.; No Sunday School this day. Men's Bible Study, Tuesday, 7 a.m.; Dec. 31-New Years Eve Party at Howard and Connie Reiter's at 8 p.m. White Elephant gift exchange. Bring snacks. Jan. 7-Church Potluck Dinner at the Community Room following services; Jan. 10-Working Wonders CWC at 7 p.m... All women are welcome.

## Cowboy Church

Pastor Jerry Clark, Eureka, brought the Dec. 17 morning message at High Point Cowboy Church. Sunday while Pastor Jon Petty attended the children's Christmas program at Toronto

## COLONY NEWS



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Cowboy Church. Clark read from John 14:5-12 and spoke about the blessing received especially when believers are "willing and obedient".

## High Point Church

High Point will be observing their one year anniversary on Sunday, January 7, with cake and a time of fellowship following the service. Next Sunday's Christmas Eve service will be at the regular 9 o'clock time.

## UMC

Scripture presented at Dec. 17 United Methodist Church service was Psalm 126, Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Luke 2:1-16 and Luke 12:28-34. Pastor Dorothy Welch presented the sermon, "The Wonder of a Manger".

## BOE

Crest Board of Education met for their regular meeting Dec. 11. Jeff Strickler was presented with a plaque to recognize his seventeen years of serving on the Crest USD 479 Board of Education. The vacant board position was discussed at the business meeting. The 2016-17 audit prepared by Diehl, Banwart, and Bolton, CPA, was approved. The replacing of exterior doors was discussed.

It was agreed to purchase a 2019 71 passenger bus from Kansas Truck and they voted to enter into a contract with Brandon Berstein to construct the fence at the Colony baseball field in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

The went into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exemption, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Lance Ramsey was invited to attend the session.

Board members attending the regular meeting were Tadd Goodell, Bryan Miller, Travis Church, Jeff McAdam, and Jeff Strickler. Others were Supt Chuck Mahon, Board Clerk Leanne Trabuc, Principal Travis Hermreck, Leo Ramsey, and Lance

## Ramsey.

Hermreck reported the middle school basketball season will finish in January. The Christmas program was held Dec.12. The elementary spelling bee will be held in January. Supt. Mahon reported high school students are receiving tutoring if they are ineligible. Mahon attended the KASB Conference in Wichita and reviewed information on the generation Millennials. Professional development will be held Jan. 3 and will be dedicated to student Individual Plans of Study and Character Development Curriculum. The technology committee met and computers for the middle school library are being purchased. The high school has a ballgame on Dec. 12 and the last day of school before Christmas break is Dec. 19.

## Crest Third Grade

Reason for the Season - During this time of year it is very easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle. I sometimes forget to take a step back and remember what it was like to experience the holiday as a child with joy, excitement and wonder. I asked the third grade class to write down what they thought Christmas was really about as a reminder to us all as we approach the season. Enjoy! Merry Christmas! Third graders said:

"It is about when Jesus was born." -Jaycee "Jesus was made on Christmas day." -Tristan "Jesus was born." -Kamryn "I think it's about giving people things and what Jesus taught." -Alecia "Having fun and having a happy time." -Gracie "When the Lord was born on December 25th and love." -Preston "When the Lord was born." -Lane "The day Jesus was born." -Xander "The true meaning of Christmas is giving joy and most of all happiness." -Gage "The meaning of Christmas is to be with friends and family." -Abby "It is about Jesus and God being born, about



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The Crest Auditorium was packed for the annual Christmas concert.

giving to the poor, and food." -Jenna "I think Christmas is about love, joy, sharing with people, and being nice. It's also about being helpful and thankful for what you have and for God." -Hanna "I think Christmas is so important, there could be a video game about it because it's Jesus' birthday." -Phillip "Jesus was born on Christmas and he respected everyone. My family loves Jesus because he made us." -Gavin "Jesus, God, the seasons and the people." -Ben

-Stephanie Edgerton-Crest Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher

## 4-H

The Seekers Not Slackers 4-H Club November meeting was held Nov. 21 at the Lone Elm Community Building. Roll call was answered with "what you are thankful for?" Song leader Truett Vermillion led the group in singing "Jingle Bells".

The club announced the dates of 4-H Camp and Discovery Days and will be adopting an Angel and bringing in toys and non-perishable food items to donate to EKAN for community service.

For the evening program, Kendra Hermreck gave a demonstration on "how to quilt a pil-

low". Lillie Ball gave a demonstration on "how to make slime". After the program recreation leaders Gunner Ellington and Mason Foltz led the club in playing a game of tag.

The meeting concluded with members stating the 4-H Motto. The next club meeting and Christmas Party will be Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lone Elm Community Building. -Tyler Gillespie, reporter

## Around Town

Sympathy is expressed to Rosemary and Dan Gillaspie at the death of her son and Dan's brother, Scott Gillaspie, 52, Lenexa, KS. Cancer rapidly

took him. Survivors include his wife, Tena and two children. Scott graduated from Crest High School in 1983.

Sympathy is also expressed to Evelyn Bunnel at the death of her husband, a Colony lifelong patriot, 95 years of age. He passed away at his home Dec. 15. He was a 1940 graduate of Colony High School. Sympathy is also extended to his children who in the past several years have by rotation assisted in his care. Visitation is Jan. 5 at 6-8 p.m. at the Colony Community Church and Jan. 6 funeral service at 10 a.m. at the Crest Auditorium.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and May God Bless All.

**Wishing you all the Best this Holiday Season!**

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Top Picture: The Community Care Tree with GSSB, Colony Branch in background. To date \$200 has been collected at this year's 13th Annual Christmas Parade. Collections are divided equally between Colony's First Responders and Lions Club. This remains open for people to purchase ornaments up until Christmas.

In middle picture from (l-r) are Ridley Black, Jarred Teter, Summer Starr and Allen Geary. Bottom picture (l-r) are Jasper Davis, Shyla McCutchen, Kimberleigh Lansdown, Sophomores in Bailey Lee's Biology class have worked on creating Cell Models. One group chose to make a cake to represent the rectangular shape of plant cells. This was probably the favorite project of the class as it was quite delicious. Another group made a prokaryotic bacterial cell out of a 2 liter pop bottle. The other two groups chose to make animal cells out of a foam ball and clay. They had to choose materials that resembled the actual shape of each organelle. The other requirements for the project were a verbal presentation that involved knowing the names and functions of each organelle in the cell. - Bailey Lee, teacher

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## Notice of sheriff's sale

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Plaintiff,  
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Erica D. Mills (Deceased), Jason L. Mills, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 17CV36  
Division 23  
K.S.A. 60  
Mortgage Foreclosure  
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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## Notice of resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017, 2018-02  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-101, provides that a county may exercise the powers of home rule to determine its local affairs and government authorization under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-101a; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 38-1616(b) (3), provides that a county may seek reimbursement of funds spent to maintain, care of support an accused or adjudicated juvenile offender; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement of county funds spent to maintain, care or support an accused or adjudicated juvenile offender is a permissible exercise of home rule power, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101a; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to adopt a policy to establish a fee schedule for the Anderson County Juvenile Detention Center for the maintenance, care and support of juveniles accused or adjudicated as juvenile offenders. This schedule established the fees to be paid

by the persons legally responsible for the care of support of accused or adjudicated juvenile offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the attached Fee Schedule for the Anderson County Juvenile Detention Center is hereby adopted for accused and adjudicated juvenile offenders held in the Anderson County Detention Center. This schedule shall not apply to juveniles in the custody of JJA, SRS or who are housed in the juvenile detention center for other counties.

2. This fee schedule shall be effective immediately.

Passed and adopted in regular session this 18 day of December 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jerry Howarter, Chairman  
/s/ Leslie D. McGhee, Commissioner  
/s/ David Pracht, Commissioner  
Attested and Recorded, this 18 day of December, 2017:

/s/ Julie Heck  
Anderson County Clerk

## Notice of guardianship

(First published in The Anderson County Review, December 19, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF JOBE DAVID FITZWATER, A MINOR CHILD.

Case No. 2017 PR 43

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO IAN FITZWATER AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the above named Court by Heather M. Silvara, maternal grandmother of Jobe David Fitzwater, a minor child, praying for an Order of said Court that the Petitioner be appointed

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Heather M. Silvara,  
Petitioner.

Timothy L. Fielder - #08649  
Attorney at Law  
110 East Forest - PO Box 99  
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Dc1913\*

## Notice of hearing

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday December 19, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of GARY W. KLINE, Deceased

Case No. 17-PR-40

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Gail W. Kline, an owner of an undivided interest in certain real estate, praying that descent be determined of decedent, Gary W. Kline's, interest in certain real estate, situated in Anderson County, Kansas, and particularly described in said petition and

of all other Kansas real estate and all personal property wheresoever situated, owned by said decedent at the time of his death and that his interest be assigned in accordance with the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of January, 2018, 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

GAIL R. KLINE  
Petitioner

Terry J. Solander #07280  
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## Notice of hearing

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, December 26, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

DEAN KITTLE a/k/a H. DEAN KITTLE,  
Deceased

Case No. 17-PR-42

### NOTICE OF HEARING

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You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Dennis R. Kittle and Donald R. Kittle, owners of an undivided interest in certain real estate, praying that descent be determined of decedent, Dean Kittle a/k/a H. Dean Kittle's, interest in certain real estate, situated in Anderson County, Kansas, and particularly described in said petition and of all other

Kansas real estate and all personal property wheresoever situated, owned by said decedent at the time of his death and that his interest be assigned in accordance with the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of January, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

DENNIS R. KITTLE and  
DONALD R. KITTLE  
Petitioners

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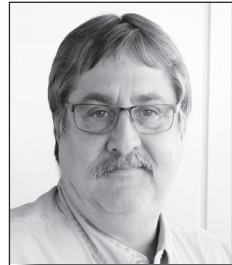
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# 30 years ago: 14+ inches of snow hit Garnett

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## 10 years ago...

USD 365 school board members will discuss a policy on the interviewing of students by police investigators when the board meets in January, after confronting issues surrounding a recent police investiga-

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weeks ago while local police were investigating a burglary of a Garnett gun shop. Parents of some of those students interviewed at the time protested, saying the tactics used by the

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## 30 years ago...

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## Strickler steps down from USD 479 board after 17 years

Jeff Strickler did not seek reelection to the USD 479 Board of Education (BOE) this past fall.

The December BOE meeting ended a 17 year run of service and leadership on the Crest BOE. Strickler, a graduate of the Crest High School, class of 1985, said the main reason he wanted to be on the BOE was "to make a positive difference in the schools."

The two things that had the greatest impact on him and his tenure on the BOE was the closing of the Kincaid facility and

not being able to get a bond passed that would have added a much needed gymnasium to the Crest facility.

Jeff's wife Missy, and his three children, Tanner, Katrina, and Kaden are all graduates of Crest High School.

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