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Health officials scrub J&J vax, turn tracking over to state

Connecton to blood clot issues shelves vaccine, while others still recommended

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW
 IOLA - The agency that runs the Anderson County Health Department will no longer administer the Covid

vaccine produced by Johnson & Johnson due to a blood clotting disorder observed in some patients who took that particular shot, and tracking of the disease will move from local health officials to state staff.
 Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department Director Rebecca Johnson said in a press release the Food and Drug Administration Wednesday had issued the precaution

due to the presence of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) which had been observed in a wide range of patients.
 "On Thursday, the ACIP (Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices) met and recommended "mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are preferred over the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 for all older than 18 years of age."

The release also said KDHE will be transitioning the investigation of all COVID-19 cases from the local level to the state level.
 The Local Health Department will still investigate other communicable diseases as they occur, but not COVID-19.
 At the present, the local health department works with schools and long term care facilities on COVID-

19 cases as they come, on outbreaks, and on contact tracing. KDHE investigates a majority of the others, the press release said, but this change will move all COVID-19 cases to the state level. Johnson said local staff will continue to be in contact with the schools and long term care facilities until this transition is complete.

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Bauman's Carpet & Furniture in Garnett officially changes hands next week. Above, from left new owners Austin Kellerman and wife Annie with their kids Allison, 3, and Anderson, 6 months, along with former owners Mary and Glenn D. Bauman.

New owners for longtime furniture store

GARNETT - Austin Kellerman says not much will change at least initially with Bauman's Carpet & Furniture once he and wife Annie take over ownership January 1.
 "At this point we're not planning any major changes, at least in the near future," Austin said. "At some point we may want to look at expanding furniture lines, maybe get more into furniture repair, but right away it's all going to be pretty much as it has been."
 Kellerman's no stranger to the store or to the local area. Raised in the Harris area where he still lives with his wife Annie and two young children, Kellerman worked at Bauman's several years ago in

a number of capacities. He has also worked at Corley Seed Farms and in the trucking industry.
 Bauman's opened in Garnett 57 years ago in downtown as a cabinet shop and later started handling carpet sales. The company moved to the highway location in the early 1980s and expanded into furniture sales.
 Current owner/manager Glenn D. Bauman will maintain his chiropractic practice, Balanced Healthcare, at the store location for the time being and will be on hand for an unspecified amount of time to train and assist the Kellermans.

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AC senior heads to West Point

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - When ACHS 2022 graduating senior Hayden Newton enters West Point as a cadet next fall as a member of the U.S. Military Academy's Class of 2026, he may be the first such successful appointment in Anderson County history.

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran made an official announcement of Newton's selection to the academy during a presentation at last week's Garnett Rotary Club meeting.
 Hayden is the son of Alan and Jody (Kilet) Newton of Garnett. He's been active in band and scholar's bowl and recently finished his term as Anderson County 4-H Council President. He is the student liaison to the Garnett City Commission and operates his own kettle corn and gourmet popcorn business, Popcorn Colonel.

The rigorous selection process evaluates candidates' leadership and ability to perform strenuously both physically and



U.S. Senator from Kansas Jerry Moran congratulates ACHS senior Hayden Newton last week on Newton's recent acceptance at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY.

The academically, as well as proven leadership process was designed to

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2021'S top stories...

Where have all the workers gone?



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 12-28-2021/DANE HICKS
 A sign at the Trade Winds Bar & Grill in Garnett notes a recent change in hours as the labor shortage persists.

Employers' scramble for help leads year's stories, with gas price, cold snap

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Restaurants, hospitals, trucking companies; in 2021 some people didn't want masks, some didn't want the Covid vaccine, but there's one thing just about everyone whether employer or customer, wanted: Workers.
 And that shortage of workers in 2021 made doing many jobs far more lucrative.
 The 2020 economy which was artificially shut down by government action and regulation came roaring back in 2021, tired of being sequestered at home and ready to spend loads of cash dispensed in a number of Covid relief allotments from a giant, debt fueled federal ATM. But many said those same federal Covid relief benefits - increased unemployment benefits filtered through state unemployment systems, direct payments to individuals and businesses and floods of cash that came to landlords for unpaid rent and local and tribal governments for all manner of services- pushed so much money into the economy and into the pockets of former workers that they opted to stay out of the

work force and spend the money.
 The story led the business reports nationwide - stories of ships filled with goods unable to unload at the nations ports because there weren't enough workers to unload them. Delays in orders for retail goods - even online purchases - became commonplace.
 Analysts said some areas, Kansas in particular, saw a tougher worker shortage because traditionally low wages in many Kansas jobs made an easy petri dish for the wage bidding war that resulted for employees when workers became more sparse. The national economic picture leading into Covid had been surging before the shutdown, with more than two-and-half million jobs created in 2018 and over two million new positions added in 2019, so there wasn't much slack in state work forces coming into the pandemic. Whatever the reason, businesses in the area felt the pinch of the labor shortage and workers - at least those who clocked in - typically earned more.
 The City of Garnett had a tough time filling vacant police officer posts prior to Covid, but midway through 2021 the city authorized another major raise as well as a hiring bonus for city police recruits, and that drive in turn forced county commissioners to follow suit with a

raise for county sheriff's deputies in what Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine feared would become a bidding war for qualified law officers between city and county positions. Later in October, county commissioners instituted an across the board pay increase for all county employees (excluding deputies and jailers involved in the earlier raise) of \$2 per hour, after several office positions at the courthouse went unstaffed and efforts to hire truck driver posts in the road department and landfill were unsuccessful.
 But perhaps worst hit were health care and restaurants in the area. While nursing posts at area hospitals and nursing homes have traditionally tended to be revolving doors, some health-care workers war-weary from a year of Covid stepped out of the industry altogether and some opted to leave when their employers mandated still-controversial Covid vaccinations. The State of Kansas in September funneled \$50 million

in federal aid into a retention program designed to keep nurses in the state's hospital.. Saint Lukes' hospitals in Garnett and Iola got \$47,000 and \$99,000 respectively in retention pay.
 Restaurants forced to close dining areas during Covid found wait staff and kitchen workers reluctant to return to work and slim pickins' out there for new potential hires. Garnett's Chinese Restaurant moved to carry-out only during the pandemic and at present has no plans to return to dining room service for that reason, said owner Delong Tong. Amanda Weller tried to re-open Colony's restaurant but had to close again mid-December for lack of employees willing to work the rigors of the food service business. Angi Smith at The Trade Winds has fought staffing shortages ever since re-opening post-Covid, and changed hours several times to try to accommodate the availability of workers.
 The year 2021 closes with no

SEE LABOR ON PAGE 4B

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO
There will be no bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett on December 28th. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The Anderson County Treasurer's Office will close at 11 a.m. on 12/30 to balance the end of the year and won't be open on 12/31 for the New Year's Holiday.

SEEKING DONATIONS
The Garnett Senior Center is seeking donations of used medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, shower chairs, etc. Call 448-4518 for the item to be picked up.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE
Kansas VINE: 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 DECEMBER 20, 2021

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 20, 2021 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge
Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Discussion was held on county roads and what the department will be working on over the winter months.

Economic Development
Julie Turnipseed, Economic Development Director, met with the commission. She discussed options in the county for childcare and projects she's working on.

Rural Fire
Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. Mick gave an update on the wildfires in Western Kansas and the firefighters that the county sent. He also presented a preliminary draft of the fire station on Westgate Rd.

Emergency Management
JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to open the meeting for a public hearing on the USDA grant that JD Mersman had applied for. All voted yes. The grant will support the purchase of the new pumper truck in the amount of \$55,000. No comments. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to close the public hearing. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the USDA grant under the terms and conditions that were set forth. All voted yes.

Solid Waste
Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to

approve resolution 2021-37 adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. All voted yes.

Resolution
Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2021-38 allowing the salaries of elected official of Anderson County, Kansas for 2022. All voted yes.

Abatements
Abatements B22-129 through B22-130 and add A22-103 were approved as presented.

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 12:00PM due to no further business.

LAND TRANSFERS
Kirk Partners LTD to Woody Outdoors LLC: S2 8-21-20 except minerals & w2 sw4 9-21-20 except minerals.

Wesley E Yoder and Rosella Yoder to Daniel J Yutzy: Tract 1: beg at swcor nw4 25-20-19, thence north 00°12'07" west for a distance of 382.38 feet along west line of said quarter section; thence south 89°55'12" east for a distance of 1128.54 feet parallel with south line of said quarter section; thence south 15°46'43" west for a distance of 397.19 feet to pt on south line of said quarter section; said pt being 1610.57 feet west of secor said quarter section, thence north 89°55'12" west for a distance of 1019.19 feet along south line of said quarter section to pob; & tract 2: beg at swcor nw4 25-20-19, thence north 00°12'07" west for a distance of 382.38 feet along west line of said quarter section to true pob; thence north 00°12'07" west for a distance of 346.03 feet along west line of said quarter section; thence south 89°55'12" east for a distance of 1263.71 feet parallel with south line of said quarter section; thence south 26°35'09" west for a distance of 120.40 feet; thence south 28°57'46" west for a distance of 63.32 feet; thence south 15°46'43" west for a distance of 188.85 feet; thence north 89°55'12" west for a distance of 1128.54 feet parallel with south line of

of, of 17-21-20 less minerals. and the nw/4 of nw/4 and the n/2 of the sw/4 of the nw/4 of 16-21-20.
Mildred Peine to Earl J Peine and Ruth A Peine: The S/2 of nw/4 of 16-20-20.
ANDERSON COUNTY COURT CASES FILED
George Earl McKale, Petitioner, has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent and Approval of Valid Settlement Agreement in the Matter of the Estate of Vernon Joseph McKale, Deceased.
ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED
Kathryn Rae Coester has been charged with failure to wear a seat-belt.
Alyssa Nicole James has been charged with speeding.
Deborah C Manuel-Cathcard has been charged with driving under the infl of drugs/alcohol; 1st conviction.
ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER
Barry Weber was booked into jail on February 15, 2020.
Giovanni Rodriguez was booked into jail on March 3, 2021.
Joshua Evans was booked into jail on April 21, 2021.
Zachery Kirkland was booked into jail on June 23, 2021.
Joshua Heubach was booked into jail on August 9, 2021.
David Ashley was booked into jail on August 12, 2021.
Cade Goodman was booked into jail on September 1, 2021.
Robert Soulia was booked into jail on October 4, 2021.
Garrett Russell was booked into jail on October 6, 2021.

Nathan Emert and Riley Emert to Randy Barley: Lots 12, 13, 14 & 15 blk 16 Merrill's Addition to City of Westphalia.
Jesse Summers and Samantha Summers to Chance R Clark and Haley N Schweizer: Lot 6 blk 39 according to plat of City of Greeley; being also described as lots 17 & 18 blk 39 according to subdivision plat to City of Greeley.
Arlan Newby to Westin Holloway and Elaine Holloway: E2 nw4 16-23-20 & w2 nw4 16-23-20 less beg at pt on north line of said section 16, being south 89°58'29" east 874.17 feet from nwcor said nw4; thence south 89°58'29" east 312.62 feet; thence south 0°01'31" west 541.31 feet; thence north 89°58'29" west 213.00 feet; thence north 0°01'31" east 243.86 feet; thence north 70°36'20" west 105.60 feet; thence north 0°01'31" east 262.42 feet to north line of said nw4 and pob.

Rose Marie Drumm Admin and Leo Francis Collins Estate to Joan Theresa Gagnon and Glennon Francis Gagnon: Se4 se4 19-19-18 less the following tract: beg at necor se4 se4 said section; thence south 625'; thence west 350'; thence north 625'; thence east 350' to pob; said exception being approximately 5 acres.
Kirk Partners LTD to Zenn David Ratliff and Michelle A Ratliff: The ne/4 less 2 1/2 acres in the se corner ther-

Nicholas Buchanan was booked into jail on October 17, 2021.
Jerred Conner was booked into jail on October 18, 2021.
Darren Dicenzo was booked into jail on October 25, 2021.
Robert Sparks was booked into jail on October 26, 2021.
Roy Teal was booked into jail on November 11, 2021.
Sabre Suire was booked into jail on November 12, 2021.
Alan Young was booked into jail on November 12, 2021.
Joshua Skinner was booked into jail on November 15, 2021.
Evans Daniel was booked into jail on November 24, 2021.
Offutt Mason was booked into jail on November 28, 2021.
Weers Shawn was booked into jail on December 1, 2021.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER
Zachery Whalen was booked into jail on May 19, 2021.
Edwin Soto-Galarza was booked into jail on May 19, 2021.
Chase Porter was booked into jail on August 9, 2021.
Brandon Stoner-Thebo was booked into jail on October 22, 2021.
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If someone has tested positive and has questions, they may call their Local Health Department, but otherwise if they would like answers on when they should return to work, school, etc. please call the COVID-19 hotline (866)534-3463.
Johnson said the local

health department will be adding a link to the agency website for COVID-19 cases by county for those interested, but will no longer be able to post a weekly update of active COVID-19 cases due to this transition. Here is the link: <https://coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

NEWTON...
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the absolute best of candidates for the limited number of annual academy vacancies.
"It speaks well of you, it speaks well of your parents and it speaks well of your community," Moran said.
A search of Anderson County history documents yield no other West Point appointments from this area dating back to the settling of the territory in the mid 1850s. Rotarian and former educator Kenny Kellstadt, who retired in 2017 after more than 40 years in the district, said to his knowledge the only other academy appointee from the area was to the U.S. Naval Academy in the early 1960s.

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HALL

MAY 16, 1930 - DECEMBER 22, 2021

Darlene V. Hall, age 91, passed away on December 22, 2021.

Darlene was born in Iola, Kansas, to Lee and Pauline (Franklin) Morrison. She grew up in the Anderson and Allen County area. Darlene married Alvin Gale "Doc" Hall on April 24, 1947.

Services for Darlene Hall

will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 1883 US Hwy 54, Iola, with pastor Steve Bubna officiating. The family will greet friends from 1:00 PM until the start of the service. Burial will follow at the Colony Cemetery in Colony, Kansas.

ROECKER

JUNE 16, 1929 - DECEMBER 24, 2021

Mary M. Roecker, age 92, of Williamsburg, Kansas, passed away on December 24, 2021 at the Brookside Retirement Community, Overbrook, Kansas.

Mary Margaret Pickert was born on June 16, 1929 in Scipio, Kansas to Joseph F. and Gertrude (Setter) Pickert. She graduated from Garnett High School with the class of 1947. Following high school, Mary went to work in Kansas City as an executive secretary and modeling with the Ford Modeling Company. On June 24, 1950 Mary married Alfred J. Roecker of Greeley, Kansas in the St. Agnes Catholic Church, Kansas City. Al and Mary shared 71 1/2 years together. They were blessed with eight children, four sons and four daughters. Mary was a homemaker until her youngest child was a senior in high school. She then went to work at the Richmond Post Office, working from 1981 - 2005. Mary was member of St. Patrick Church, Emerald, where she taught CCD for many years. She was also a member of the Altar Society. Mary loved being with her family and also watching KU basketball. Mary was a caring and loving wife, mother grandmother and great grandmother. She will be missed dearly by those who knew and

loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, six siblings, Father Denis Pickert, Virgil Pickert, LeRoy Pickert, LaVera Hiles, Charlene Hirt and Helen Baldrige.

Mary is survived by her husband, Alfred; eight children and their families, Marcia and Bill Evans of Abilene, Kansas, Dean and Cathy Roecker of Dewey, Oklahoma, Joan and Rick Carter of Overbrook, Kansas, Beverly and Randy Thomas of Rose Hill, Kansas, Rhonda and Don Hogan of Waverly, Kansas, Dale and Jean Roecker of Williamsburg, Kansas, Dan and Kim Roecker of Wann, Oklahoma and David and Susan Roecker of Elkhorn, Nebraska; 37 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, December 31, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church, Emerald. The family will greet friends following a 6:30 PM, Rosary at the church, Thursday, December 30, 2021, with Fr. John Samineni officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church Building Fund or St. Patrick's Cemetery. Condolences the family may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

TRUMPP

NOVEMBER 16, 1931 - DECEMBER 24, 2021

Gloria Gretchen Trumpp, age 90, passed away on December 24, 2021.

Gloria was born in Riley, Kansas on November 16, 1931 to Henry R. Williams and Louise Agnes (Staten) Williams. She grew up in Riley where she graduated from Riley High School with the class of 1949. Gloria worked various jobs before going to work for Bell Telephone. Over her thirty year career she worked in El Paso, Texas and Sacramento, California before moving to Kansas where she worked in Junction City, Russell and then in Garnett where she retired from United Telephone in 1987. In her retirement Gloria became the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Garnett and served in that role for 15 years. Gloria was a member of the National Boat Racing Association. During the 1950's while racing her hydroplanes and runabouts Gloria raced under the name of "Shorty" to disguise her gender. Often times after winning she would remove her helmet and her competitors were dismayed they were beaten by a woman. In her later years, Gloria was very passionate in her faith. She especially enjoyed the trips she was able to take to the Holy Land.

Gloria married Marvin Trumpp on August 6, 1949 and then again on December 29, 1990, in Riley, Kansas. Following her divorce from Marvin, Gloria married Lloyd Severance. They later divorced. Gloria married Gerald E. Lohff



Trumpp

in 1981, Gerald preceded her in death in 1988.

She was preceded in death by parents, three husbands, infant son, Theodore Lauren Severance, three brothers, Harland, Gene, and Doug Williams; two sisters, Helen Holt and Marilyn Perry.

Gloria is survived by one son, Marvin Michael Trumpp Severance and wife Angie of Fort Scott, Kansas; one daughter, Susan Michelle Wettstein and husband Don of Garnett, Kansas; three step daughters, Theresa Dione Hanke and husband Tom of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Tammy Sue Potes and husband Steve of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Terry Lynn Poteet and husband Jim of Overland Park, Kansas; six grandchildren, Jeramy Severance, Kendalle Severance, Jason Wettstein, Brandon Wettstein, Sydney Poteet, and Riley Poteet; and nine great grandchildren, Katlyn Severance, Apachlynn Severance, Roper Severance, Eris Severance, Seqouyah Severance, Seneca Wettstein, Trent Wettstein, Easton Wettstein, and Sydney Wettstein; one great great grandson, Alcaous Severance.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the First Christian Church, Garnett. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. The family will be greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday evening, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Garnett Community Foundation or to Good Shepherd Hospice or to First Christian Church of Garnett. Condolences to the family may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

HERMANN

JULY 24, 1946 - DECEMBER 10, 2021

Sharon Sue Herrmann, age 75, Blue Mound, Kansas passed away Friday, December 10, 2021. She was born July 22, 1946 in Moran, Kansas the daughter of L.M. Brock and Beatrice Davis Brock.

She graduated from Blue Mound High School with the Class of 1964. On March 6, 1965, Sharon Sue married Howard Herrmann, the love of her life, after he proposed to her on Christmas Eve, 1964. Growing up on the farm she learned to drive tractors, help bale hay, and milk the cows but she was also an excellent homemaker and cook. One of her specialties was peach cobbler which was often requested on special occasions. She also enjoyed canning produce from Howard's garden often putting up many jars of green beans each summer. She worked in the office at the Fort Scott Sale Barn, as a rural mail carrier for several years, and drove a school bus. Her full time occupation, though, was office manager of Howard's Garage. She was a member of the Blue Mound Federated

Church and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed putting together jigsaw puzzles and nearly always had one on the table that she was working on. She loved to go fishing with Howard and often caught more fish than he did. She also enjoyed playing computer games on her laptop, working in her yard, and spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Howard, two sons, Shawn Herrmann(Debra), Brandon Herrmann(Jenny), a daughter, Jan Miller, two brothers, Ron Brock and Don Brock(Sharon), a sister, Janice Sprague(Dale), four grandchildren, Zac, Derek, Tad and Marcus, and five great grandchildren, Knox, Fisher, Weslynn, Samantha and Hoyt. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Keitha Brown, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Blue Mound, Kansas. Contributions are suggested to the Blue Moon Youth Center. Online condolences can be left at www.schneiderfunerals.com.



Herrmann

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Shameful feminists abandon female athletes

The National Organization for Women, Association for Women's Rights in Development, the Feminist Majority Foundation – and all the other phony paragon champions of women rights have abandoned female athletes on the ridiculous but all-too consequential battleground of post-modern transgender dysphoria. They, in their vagina hat wearing, typical counterfeit indignation, are laid bare by showing that they're all-too-happy to sacrifice women athletes on the altar of transgender wokeness. To save women's sports, female athletes and gender realists who believe in actual fairness and equality must stand up against faux feminism. Since no one will speak for women athletes, they're going to have to speak for themselves.

The movement didn't need another grotesque example, but it got one a month ago after Will Thomas, a three-year men's collegiate swimmer at Penn State University, who went through a year of chemical conditioning to become "Lia" Thomas, started blowing other female swimmers out of the water when he was allowed to compete on the Penn State women's team. He easily broke numerous women's records, besting the second place finisher in one race division by an astounding 38 seconds.

Among those Thomas decimated were members of his own team, of course, and a few summed up the courage to face the woke social media flagellation by speaking out about it.

"Pretty much everyone individually has spoken to our coaches about not liking this," a woman on the Penn State women's swim team told Fox News. "Our coach [Mike Schnur] just really likes winning. He's like most coaches. I think secretly everyone just knows it's the wrong thing to do. When the whole team is together, we have to be like, 'Oh my gosh, go Lia, that's great, you're amazing.' It's very fake."

And it's all kosher with NCAA policy and Biden Administration executive orders. Even Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, with the help of 5th District Representative Mark Samsel and others, successfully blocked a Republican bill that would have protected women's sports from the incursion of men within our borders.

Everyone seems to have an opinion... except the bastions of women's rights and activism who not so long ago staged a "Women's March" that drew hundreds thousands of valiant vagina hat wearing soldiers for women's rights in protest of naughty things President Trump said about women as a private citizen. Notably,

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

President Trump never signed executive orders authorizing men to take women's sports crowns away from them or took any other action disenfranchising women – but President Joe Biden did.

Confronting such hypocrisy is difficult, especially considering the strident moralism presented on modern feminist websites.

"Together we're rewriting the rules to make this country work for us," says the Super Majority Education Fund. "Together, we can achieve a vision of equal opportunity for all," proclaims the American Association of University Women. "End extreme poverty and fight inequality & injustice for women around the world," says the Global Fund for Women. Apparently not the kind of poverty that comes when you lose your swimming scholarship to a man.

Collegiate women athletes have to get serious if they want to save women's athletics – the same way black athletes banded together during the Black Lives Matter protests to bring the nation's attention to the imaginary systemic racism of the nation's policemen and women. If BLM can convince colleges like the University of Kansas and Kansas State University to stick BLM stickers on their football helmets and sell a contrived narrative of racism to athletes and fans, women athletes should be able to muster a movement of their own to combat an already definable and proven moral threat.

The cowards in the modern feminist movement won't stand up for them, so these women are going to have to stand up for themselves. If not, one day those standing on the medalist platforms of women's sports will all be men.

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I just wanted to leave a comment about the Fords and Heriford's music program they put on the other night. What a beautiful arrangement of music and what a beautiful family message they gave us. Thanks a lot. Bye.

I thought it was to protect and serve instead of to harass. I hope they have a good day.

Attention: Has anyone noticed if white guys go on a rampage once every 100 years, our wonderful government will track them down and punish them severely. However, if this certain ethnic group and their idiot followers rampage several times a year every year, they face no consequences whatsoever. That's America.

This is about animals. There's a city code that prohibits intentionally killing or maiming any animal, abandon or leave them without provisions for their proper care. That's exactly what the City of Garnett is doing. They want these animals to starve. They are breaking their own law. That is wrong.

If you are one of these snowflake parents who are keeping your child away from family members and not letting them see family members during the holidays or for throughout the past year because you have a family member that won't take the Fauci ouchee, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I want to ask you, when your snot-nosed brat was running around with colds or the flu or who knows what they might have picked up at school, did your mom or dad or grandma or grandpa ever once shun them the way you're shunning your family now? I'll bet not. I'll bet the door was always open just like grandpa's house is supposed to be. Kids never hardly ever got Covid and never got sick unless they already had something wrong with them, and yet you're acting like they might die of it like getting hit by a car or something. Now even people who got the shot are still getting it. Get over yourselves, this is about you and not them kids. You should be real proud. Thank you.

Hey Hicks, if somebody wakes Biden up and tells him how low his approval ratings have gotten with Hispanics, he's liable to start building that wall again. That is all.

If you think this town is messed up for giving you a ticket for watering a stray cat, let me tell you about the ticket I got for not wearing a seat-belt while I was sitting in a parked car. This is absolutely ludicrous.

I would just like to say 'thank you' to the people that mowed at the cemetery this year. The cemetery has looked better than it has in years. Thank you very much.

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Boycott Brazil's beef until they play ball

How many of you have heard of the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE)?

It was founded in 1924, through an international agreement to "ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation, in order to collect, analyze and disseminate veterinary scientific information." Through the years, it has encouraged international cohesion to control animal diseases and set standards for veterinary services, resulting in a safeguard for international trade in animals and their products.

Why should we know what OIE is and what it does? The world looks to OIE for information when there is an outbreak of African Swine Flu, Foot and Mouth Disease or Mad Cow Disease (BSE). The OIE website lists all the diseases and infections that require notification when a country discovers a case.

The list is long and covers domestic animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats, bees, poultry and swine. There are 182 member countries involved with OIE and OIE has been recognized by the World Trade Organization as a reference organization. A country reports animal diseases to OIE so the rest of the world can take appropriate action. OIE has reporting standards which all members agree to follow, such as reporting any occurrence within 24 hours and having a nation's veterinary authorities give periodic updates as efforts to

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BRUCE SCHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT - NFO

combat the disease and the disease progress within that country's borders.

OIE is an important cog in identifying and fighting global animal diseases. Its goal is simple; find out where and when animal diseases occur and work with members to control and contain these diseases. This helps keep our domestic animals safe and keeps our food supply safe and reliable. In 2003, when the U.S. had its first BSE case in Washington State, our government reported it immediately to OIE.

I remember being very nervous around the holidays not knowing how this would affect our cattle markets. Japan and North Korea banned our imports right away. The world knew because we did not hide anything. Since

then, we have had a total of six BSE cases in the U.S., all deemed atypical, or naturally occurring. This separates it from disease from contaminated feed. We have played by the rules and have ridden out the bumps as they have presented themselves for export bans and market fluctuations. This year, Germany and the United Kingdom reported BSE cases within days of their occurrence.

Currently, one country is not playing by these rules. Brazil has had two atypical cases of BSE this year. They reported these cases on September 3, but Brazil knew about them in June. This raises a red flag. How can we trust the Brazilian government about food safety if they don't live up to the standard that 181 other countries have agreed to follow?

This is not the first time Brazil has delayed reporting BSE. The country was months, even years behind reporting cases in 2019, 2014 and 2012. Already, China has banned Brazilian beef. China is the world's largest importer of beef and Brazil is the largest exporter of beef. Is the Brazilian government's plan to dump its beef into the U.S.? That seems a likely scenario. The only way to stop this is by having Congress step up and ban Brazilian beef until they adhere to the OIE regulations.

Senator Jon Tester, D-Mont., has a bill to ban Brazilian imports until there is a system-

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Dems show turning point of Biden progressivism

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common.

One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics. Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite.

The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance.

This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, academia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.

By now, the context of Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms.

Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves, if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

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Did you know what a candy cane represents?

DIGGING UP THE PAST



Henry Roeckers
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Yes, I know Christmas Day has come and gone, the day we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, but Kay and I as believers, believe everyday is CHRIST'S-DAY.

Since we are in the holiday season I have a question to ask you. How many of you had or have at least one candy cane in your household? What is so special about the candy cane you ask?

A candy cane is the shape of a shepherd's staff. Jesus is our shepherd and we are his flock. Upside down the Candy Cane is a

"J" which is the first letter in the name Jesus.

The wide red stripe represents the blood He shed on the cross for each one of us so that through His blood we may have eternal life. The white stripe represents the purity of our Lord who was without sin. The narrow red stripe represents the stripes He took on His back for our healing.

The flavoring of the Candy Cane is peppermint which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is from the mint family, used in Old Testament times for purification.

Hyssop was given to Jesus when He hung on the cross.

When we break our Candy Cane it reminds us of the body of Christ which was broken for us. If we share our Candy Cane with someone else we love, this represents the same love Jesus Christ shared with us.

May God Bless you and your families this Holiday Season

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 20Dec2021

SCHULTZ...

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ic review of Brazil's reporting system. This is about food safety and security. I ask you to contact your senators and ask them to back this bill. Tester has put forth similar legislation before concerning Brazil's poultry and beef safety, and that was after the 2019 inci-

dent of non-reporting by Brazil. Let's make sure that these issues are dealt with the proper way, openly and honestly.

— Montana rancher Bruce Schultz is vice-president of the National Farmers Organization. Find out more at nfo.org

LOWRY...

FROM PAGE 4A

Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda. Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like

an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, "the bull****" finally got a reality check.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Notice of suit

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, December 21, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

LOANCARE, LLC
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vs.
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Defendants.
Case No.: AN-2021-CV-000033

Division No.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WANDA LEE CASELMAN, Deceased.
Case #AN-2021-PR-000029

NOTICE OF HEARING

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You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by David Lance Caselman, one of the heirs at law, devisee and legatee of Wanda Lee Caselman, deceased, praying that Last Will and Testament of Wanda Lee Caselman, April 13, 2016, and admitted to probate in decedent's resident state of Arkansas on or about February 24, 2021, authenticated copies of said will and order are filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record in Kansas; that the court find that no

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Notice of tax sale

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

DIRECTOR OF TAXATION,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
STATE OF KANSAS,

Plaintiff, Kansas Department of Revenue vs.
Defendant, Nicholas G Buchanan
Case No. AN-2021-ST-000092

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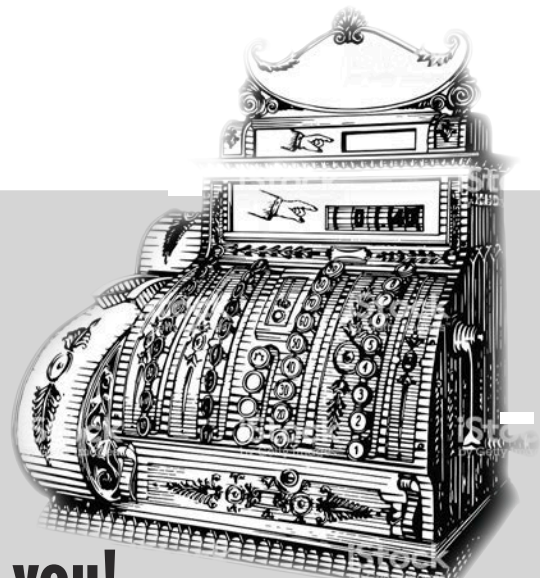
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Anderson County Courthouse employees got into the Christmas spirit recently with this giant donated Christmas tree in the main downstairs lobby. Most of the decoration was the handiwork of custodian Joyce Wedel.

Colony Christian Church "The Christmas Tree Hunt"

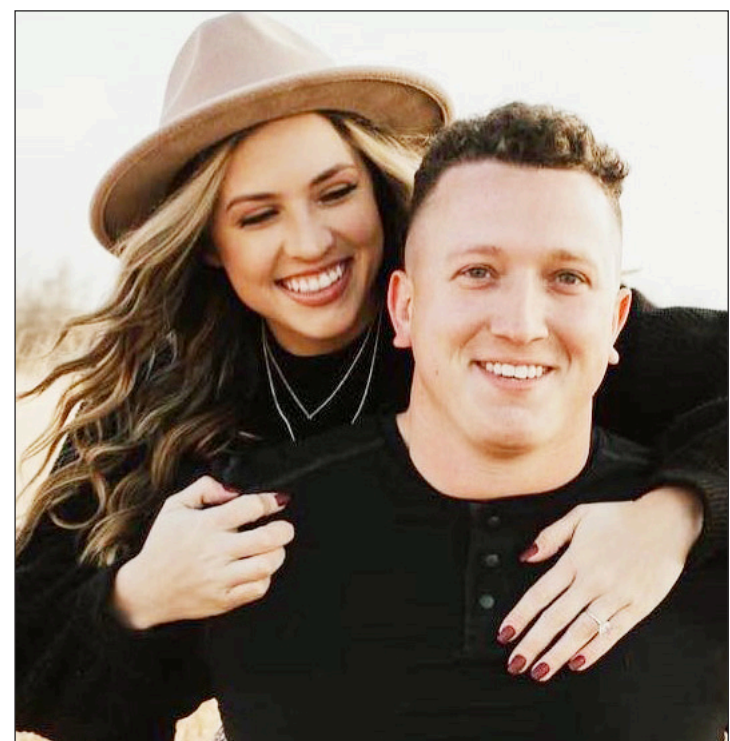
Howard Reiter gave the Communion Meditation this past Sunday. At the time of Jesus' birth, the world was a different place than what we know now. The Jews had reached the promised land long ago, but had lost their spiritual compass. Tyranny, slavery, injustice and poverty dwelt among them. They knew the Messiah would be coming. In the meantime, they were smothered in the law and in their own man-made traditions. And they didn't recognize the Messiah when he came. These devout men lived so close to the Temple, and yet it was the shepherds and wise men that God announced Jesus' birth to.

Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon "The Christmas Treasure Hunt". If you are going to look for a treasure, there are 3 questions to consider: 1. What is the treasure? 2. Is it worth looking for? 3. Who will find it? Could it be me? The angels told the shepherds that they brought them "good news of great joy". At the time of Jesus' birth, Caesar claimed to be the good news. The Romans may have agreed with this, but the Jews definitely did not. Caesar's was a false kingdom that didn't offer peace and blessings for all. Satan the deceiver, twists scripture and causes many to believe these lies about false gods. We need to be on guard so that we aren't deceived into trading in the true savior for a quick and

simple fix, into following false gods. The true good news, the Kingdom of God, offers healing, compassion, forgiveness, and everlasting life to those who seek it. God's Kingdom is worth finding! People are constantly searching for peace, healing... hope. Most of the time they are looking in all the wrong places. When God lives inside of you, YOU are the living Good News. And just like the angels telling the shepherds, we must go out into the world and announce the Good News of Jesus! (Ref: Luke 2:8-18, 10:21, 12:32 & 17:21; Isaiah 52:7-10; Zechariah 9:9-10; 1 John 2:15-25 & 3:7; Mark 1:1-2; Matthew 4:23, 7:15-20 9:35, 13:44; Colossians 1:13-14 & 26-27; Romans 14:17; Jeremiah 29:13; Micah 4:8 & 5:2; John 8:31 & 13:35) Hear this and all our sermons by using your favorite podcast app, on our Facebook page, or on our website at www.colonychristianchurch.org.

Men's Bible study, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 in the church basement. Women's Bible study, Tuesday mornings at 8:30 at the parsonage. The Mary & Martha's life group, Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the parsonage. Men on Fire life group will be the 2nd Friday of the month. Good News is on Wednesdays at 3:30 at the Community Church. Youth group for Middle & High School aged kids will meet at the church Wednesday evenings at 6:00, with the adult Bible study at the parsonage at 7:00.

Hicks wedding announcement



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Chelsea Winter and Keaton Hicks were married on October 5th, 2021, in Burlington, Kansas.

Chelsea is the daughter of Donnie and Traci Winter of Wichita, Kansas.

Keaton is the son of George and Brenda Hicks of Westphalia, Kansas.

Mrs. Chelsea Hicks is a

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Tuesday, December 28
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 29
 9:00 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, December 30
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch at the Senior Center - Bring a Snack
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 31
New Year's Eve (schedules could change)
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, January 1
New Year's Day

Monday, January 3
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 4
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Board Mtg.
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 5
 9:00 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 5:30 p.m. - ACHS Booster Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Elementary Site Council Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, January 6
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch at the Senior Center - Bring a Snack
 6:30 p.m. - Historical Society Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, January 7
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, January 10
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting

New tradition at Richmond UMC

After one church member had an idea and another made the items needed, the Richmond United Methodist Church has a new tree for the sanctuary that is beautifully decorated with gold and white chrismons.

Chrismon means Christ's monograms. They are all symbols that honor Christ. White reminds everyone that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His majesty and glory. These are the liturgical colors of the Christmas season.

Elaine Dunbar said she has known about chrismons for some time, and visited with others about how nice a chrismon tree would be in Richmond's church.

The first chrismon tree was created in 1957 by women in a Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. The idea has been used by several denominations so now one might find such a tree in many places.

Elaine asked Janice McIntosh, who is a talented crafter, if she would make the items needed. Janice added further research to Elaine's, and purchased books so she would have patterns.

She made 25 symbols of poster paper with gold glitter over glue. A few of these are the star which is for joy, a lamp for wisdom and knowledge, triangle

for the Trinity of God, Son and Holy Spirit, butterfly for new life and resurrection, dove for the Holy Spirit, plus numerous others. There are no duplicates of the ones Janice made.

The 20 angels are all white in two sizes and made of lace, doilies, ribbons, beads and other items.

"It didn't cost anything to make the chrismons since I had everything needed in my craft supplies," said Janice. "I'm glad I could do this project, it has been very meaningful."

A new, pre-lighted tree appeared anonymously at the church and is greatly appreciated. A chrismon tree has only clear lights and symbolizes the eternal life that Jesus Christ provides.

"I'm glad to have a tree in our church that represents our Christian beliefs," said Elaine. "I just had the idea; Janice is the one who made it successful."

Members of United Methodist Women and other church members gathered to decorate the donated tree with the new chrismons, as well as the sanctuary chancel, placing the beloved nativity scene front and center, below the lighted cross. Two rows of memorial poinsettias were set in front of the altar and the prayer rails



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 With the new chrismon tree at Richmond United Methodist Church are Elaine Dunbar, left, who suggested the project, and Janice McIntosh who made nearly 50 chrismons for the tree, starting a new church tradition. The pastor is Lenise Eddings.

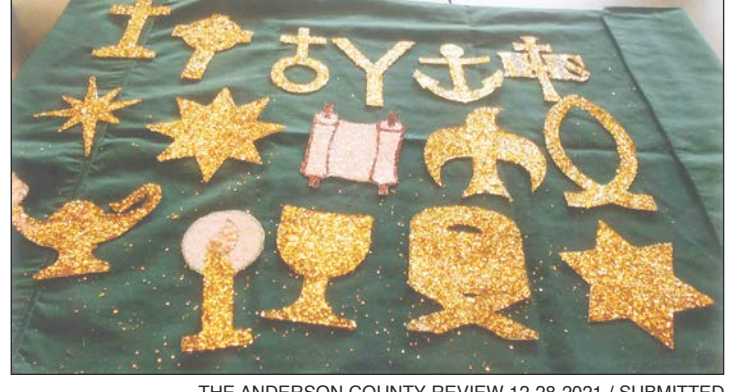
Senior Center pitch results

On the 16th of December twelve people met to play pitch at the Senior Center. Jackie Waddle won the most games with 8 of 10. Loydene West took low and Carla Ewert won 50/50. Doug McIntosh had the most perfect games with three.

We were graced by our oldest member who is 101 years old. So good to see her looking so well and still playing cards with great skill. We enjoyed snacks of homemade cookies and candy.

Several people were out of town for the 23rd of December games but we still managed to fill three tables. Betty Lybarger won the most games with 8 of 10. Ray Wards took low and Dorthy Spencer won the 50/50. Loydene West had the most perfect games with four. Numerous treats were available and an evening of laughing and card playing was enjoyed by all.

Jan Wards reporting



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 Here are a few of the chrismons made by Janice McIntosh.

wrapped with garlands.

"It's not just a tree with presents underneath," added Pastor Lenise Eddings, "for just as the evergreen branches stretch upward in constant praise to the Creator, so are we to remember GOD'S greatest gift, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, our present and future. I am so thankful these two special women felt the calling to make this sanctuary fully centered in Christian meaning and praise."

The new chrismon tree, full of symbols of the love of GOD

and church, shows that joined efforts of two women, assisted by others, gave birth to a meaningful new tradition at Richmond's United Methodist Church.

The tree will remain until January 12th when UMW members, with helpers, will put away the decorations until next Christmas, and the chrismons will certainly have special storage attention.

Worship services are Sunday at 11 am; all are welcome.

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Highlights of Anderson County news from the past year

January

Attempted murder charges are dropped against Mary Jennings of Garnett in exchange for her testimony in prosecuting Maxwell Williams in the lover's triangle stabbing assault on Williamsburg's William Hopkins in a local ambush incident that occurred last summer. Melvin James Gray of Garnett faces 10 counts of child molestation in Anderson and Franklin counties in connection with an affair with a 14 year-old girl at the church where he youth pastored. Kansas ranks last among states in Covid vaccine distribution. Kansas pharmacies are preparing for the massive effort to begin vaccinating nursing home staff and resident populations in the state. Governor Kelly draws the ire of some Kansans after she plans to put incarcerated prisoners ahead of civilians in vaccine priorities.

Traffic crime investigators now say Charlotte Grimes' car was sitting idle on Keitel Road south of Parker when it was hit from behind by her son Rocky Allen's truck in an apparent road rage incident that ended in the Garnett woman's death. Both Trump haters and fans agree those who breached the U.S. Capitol during Jan. 6th's counting of the electoral vote should be prosecuted and punished, but many questions remain regarding how many of the thousands of "Stop The Steal" rally goers in Washington, D.C., actually participated in the violence. The Kansas Policy Institute requests identity-redacted death certificate information listing cause of death with contributing factors for those KDHE says died of Covid, and KDHE refused the request. Newly-elected county attorney Elizabeth Oliver and 2nd District County Commissioner Anthony Mersman join incumbents in swearing in ceremonies to take their offices after wins in the 2020 fall election. Caleb Foltz of Kincaid faces child sex charges after he details to investigators an affair with his 13 year-old stepdaughter. The LaNina weather pattern keeps Anderson County and the surrounding region dry and with mild temperatures through early winter. Nurses at the Coffey County Health Department refuse to conduct Covid vaccinations, echoing distrust about the vaccines expressed by large numbers of healthcare workers across the country. Second District Congressman Jake LaTurner, recovering from Covid, votes against the second impeachment led by Democrats in Washington against President Trump. Kansas legislators are under pressure in an upcoming vote on whether or not to extend Gov. Kelly's statewide lockdowns through March 31, but many fear there's no end in sight to the economic damage to the state if lockdowns continue. Anderson County shows a December jobless rate of 3.0 percent. City leaders dump the idea of building their own trash transfer station after cost comparisons still show Anderson County's increasing trash rates are less expensive. Anderson County Development Agency members pitch an idea for a "land bank" to Garnett commissioners. The Bulldog girls and boys basketball teams cruise to first place finishes in Yates Center's mid-season tournament. Theo Church and Kallei Robb from Crest Elementary, Trowtt Webber and Brayden Gibson from Westphalia Elementary, Walker Hermreck and Bentlee Luke of Greeley Elementary, Luke Stephenson and Camryn Wilson of ACJH and Westin Wright and Elam Finney of Garnett Elementary are contestants in the county spelling bee.

February

Theo Church of Crest wins the Anderson County Spelling Bee and advances to the Kansas Spelling Bee later this year. Crest homecoming candidates are Anna Hermreck, Lindsey Godderz, Lizzy Young, Kobey Miller, Tyson Hermreck and Stratton McGhee. ACHS homecoming candidates are Katie Schmit, Rayna Jasper, Sophia Cole, Seneca Wettstein, Garrett Bures and Koby McCarty. The Pioneer League schools are loosening the fan restrictions for basketball game attendance, increasing the previous limit of two spectators per family to four. After Facebook and Twitter announce platform bans of former President Donald Trump, the Anderson County Review announces a boycott of Facebook and Twitter and opens a new social media site at Gab.com. A salary increase request for ACDA director Julie Turnipseed brings up budgetary discipline discussions at Garnett's city commission meeting. For the third year in a row, the Garnett Cornstock "Concert on The Hill" was cancelled, again this year due to Covid-19. The Anderson County Health Department will partner with AuBurn Pharmacies to have the first large-scale vaccination clinic at the county community building for county residents age 85 and over. Land Bank discussions among city commissioners review the philosophy of too much government involvement in private land dealings. Local Pioneer Seed Representative Keegan Barnes finishes upgrades that added four 3,000 bushel soybean seed bins at his newly-built location last fall near U.S. 169 and 4th Avenue. Central Heights Winter Homecoming candidates are Mary Roehl, Anna Thompson, Noora Ahman, Jarod Crawford, Brady Burson and Hunter Butler. Crest's Jacques Coleman, signed a letter of intent to play football at Ottawa University. An intense cold spell hammers the mid-west and south, and suppliers jack gas rates up to bring a \$1.5 million natural gas bill to Garnett for February alone. City manager Chris Weiner says one advantage of having an old, non-computerized waste water plant is that it can't be hacked like one in Florida was last week. Norma Rockers 6th grade class at St. Rose Elementary wins the Review's 2021 advertising design contest. ACHS' AJ Schaffer and Ashton Miller qualify for the 3A sub state wrestling tournament. Plunging winter storm temperatures hit -21 degrees in Garnett on Feb. 17, and rocket to a projected 61 the following Tuesday. A local judge is expected to make a determination as to the competency to stand trial of Maxwell Williams, accused of murder in a stabbing incident from last summer. Tractor Supply Company purchases Orscheln's Farm with stores in Garnett, Ottawa and Iola.

March

Active cases of coronavirus continue to fall in Anderson County and elsewhere around the country as vaccine rollouts expand, though Kansas still ranks toward the bottom of states in distributing the shots. Seneca Wettstein and Rayna Jasper are crowned king and queen of ACHS winter homecoming. Garnett BPW organizers say Square Fair is going to be a go this year. Kansas may end up paying workers more to stay home through expanded unemployment and other federal Covid benefits than they can make working their jobs, the Kansas Policy Institute reports. City leaders, airport staff and neighboring property owners meet in Garnett to try to hammer out logistics for an upcoming expansion project at the city's airport that will require the abandonment of NE 1700 Road south of the facility. Federal regulators are pledging a full investigation into cold spike gas price hikes that rim wrecked Garnett's gas budget last year and strained the finances of hundreds of cities across the midwest and south. Garnett Country Club hopes to raise some \$200,000 for a new irrigation system with the help of civic groups who've in turn made big bucks hosting their own golf tournaments at the facility over the decades. Increasing Covid vaccination and dropping case counts in the region prompt the Anderson County Fair Association, BPW Square Fair as well as area high school proms to announce their events will go on as scheduled this spring and summer. Lady Bulldogs Cali Foltz and Rayna Jasper both scored their 1,000th point in their Anderson County careers recently, the first Garnett players to reach the milestone since 2002. A new Covid relief payment of \$1,400 per person for those making \$75,000 or less is headed to local residents as part of a recent \$1.9 trillion spending package that is worrying analysts due to its possible impact on already rising inflation. Longtime local high school athletics supporter, school substitute and civic volunteer Dr. Jerry Padfield is honored with a plaque in his honor during an ACHS assembly. Attorneys Tonya Vignery of Vassar and Joseph Falls of Ottawa, who both ran unsuccessfully for Anderson County Attorney last year, are now seeking appointment to an open slot as a Fourth Judicial District Magistrate Judge. Garnett secures low-interest state loan funds of \$3.6 million arranged by Kansas Legislators and Gov. Kelly to cover the city's February spike in gas costs. Anderson County drivers, like those everywhere, are upset about rising gas prices, which AAA Kansas says averaged \$1.92/gal in Eastern Kansas on Nov. 1, 2020, and are now pushing \$2.62 per gallon. Though jobless claims are down in Anderson County from a year ago, the overall private sector jobs picture has declined some 57,000 jobs from December to December, according to state data. The county fair association will roll with its ever-popular Demolition Derby at the end of March, after last year's event fell to Covid cancellation. A plea deal for Melvin James Gray, who faced child sex charges in connection with his affair with a 13 year-old girl at the Trinity Baptist Church in Garnett where he youth pastored, gives him 94 months in prison. A new vaccination event in Garnett will be open to anyone 18 or over. Yoder's Country Store on West 7th Street will become 7th Street Grocery after the sale of the business from Vernon and Beverly Yoder to Weston and Marlene Borntreger. An Easter Egg drop from planes overflying the Garnett Municipal Airport is a huge success.

April

A Republican-led legislative oversight group heels Gov. Kelly's latest attempt at a statewide mask mandate, even as Covid cases are fading across the state due to natural immunity and vaccinations. Joshua M. Evans, out on bail for felony drug charges allegedly shoots his female companion Megan Currant in the back during what she termed an LSD-fueled altercation at the garage he lives in near Greeley. A comparison of Covid case counts in counties which enacted mask mandates and those which did not shows almost no difference in case development between those embracing either policy. The charitable foundation named after Anderson County school teacher Alma

Throckmorton kicks in \$30,000 for the construction of a new baseball/softball field for Crest High School. ACHS students who chose remote learning from the beginning of the school year rather than attend school on site and wear masks will not be allowed to attend the ACHS prom, and school officials won't address their decision, despite an online petition from remote learner Zia Holloway that garnered more than 500 signatures. 5th District Representative Mark Samsel votes against a transgender sports bill that would prohibit biological men from competing in high school and college women's sports. County commissioners won't allow a "free dump" week at the county landfill this year, but Garnett city refuse collectors will still do a free brush pickup day to help residents clear refuse. Crest's Trevor Kenningson signs to attend Kansas State University on a rodeo scholarship. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has approved an application from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline to leave part of the old pipeline along its gas line replacement project in the ground instead of removing it, in order to save costs and avoid damage risks to the new line and the environment. Maxwell Williams is deemed competent to stand trial for the stabbing and attempted murder of William Hopkins last year. Bowing to her traditional support of LGBTQ interests, Gov. Kelly vetoes the Fairness in Women's Sports Act. After 48 years in local banking, Richmond's Connie Kueser Beckwith retired from Patriots Bank. The May 8 Square Fair will be coupled with an air fair at the Garnett airport. Madilynn Becker of rural Herington, granddaughter of Fred and Nancy Katzer of Greeley and great-granddaughter of Walt and Dorothy Lickteig, all of Greeley, was crowned Miss Kansas Teen USA at a pageant April 10 in Shawnee, Ks. The Garnett Farmers Market organization has grown to 12 vendors who will be sporting their goods at the market this summer and fall.

May

Tommy Emerson of Garnett is arraigned on charges of methamphetamine possession and distribution in what local investigators describe as a meth-for-sex flophouse in Garnett that offered narcotics to boost sexual experience for Emerson's guests. 5th District State Rep Mark Samsel is arrested for battery on a student in a Wellsville classroom which Samsel was substitute teaching, after student videos and audio recordings circulate of his bizarre religious and sex talk rant that led to his physical altercation with a student. Republicans in the Kansas Legislature failed to garner enough votes to override Gov. Kelly's veto of a law that would have protected women's sports in Kansas from men competitors who claim to be women. Local pharmacist Nate Wiehl estimated the local area is at probably better than 50 percent Covid immunity, after vaccinations, documented and undocumented natural immunity are considered. Organizers plan the 9th annual "Celebration of Service" honoring area veterans who are a part of Garnett's street banner project. A sappy weather forecast for May 8 which didn't materialize ended up cancelling the planned air fair, which has been moved back to May 22. Mark Samsel faces three counts of misdemeanor battery in connection with his bizarre altercation with a student in a Wellsville school classroom in May, with a first appearance in Franklin County District Court May 19. Planners are set for the grand

dedication of the Anderson County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn, although weather has forced delays in final construction. Though many employers say continued advanced unemployment benefits are incentivizing workers to remain off the job, Gov. Kelly opts to continue a \$300 bonus unemployment payment under federal Covid benefits to September. Central Heights' hurdler Taryn Compton wins a regional championship at Pleasanton in the 100m hurdles. Linn County District Court officials are readying for a June 30 preliminary hearing for Rocky Allen, accused in the purposeful traffic crash murder of his mother, Charlotte Grimes, of Garnett. Frontier Extension District personnel will be testing area pastures for Broomsedge Bluestem, an invasive grass that can crowd out better grazing grasses. Garnett power plant operator Bob Mills retires after 37 years service keeping the juice on in the city. Garnett City Manager Chris Weiner is looking at other jobs again, this time being named a finalist for a position in Monett, Mo. After a Covid hiatus last summer, the Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool is preparing to reopen this summer. Garnett's 6th Avenue Boutique & Bronze wins the Chamber Champion and Business of the Year Award; Everett Cox wins George Clasen Community Service Award, and Garnett Fire Department wins the organization of the year award at the annual chamber of commerce banquet.

June

Soggy spring weather dumps 8 inches of rainfall on the local area in May. Troy Armstrong will head the county's EMS Department and will aim at staffing and developing young talent for careers in emergency service disciplines. The ACHS baseball team gets plowed 19-0 by Rock Creek in the 3A state championship final, but comes home with a runner up finish after beating Frontenac and Hugoton. Russell Rockers had a cow that had triplet calves, so he named them Lisa, Leslea and Lucille, after his triplet sisters. The West Gallery of the Garnett Public Library hosts an art exhibit by ACHS senior art students. Organizers reschedule the dedication ceremony for the county veterans memorial after it gets rained out. Chris Weiner resigns his Garnett City Manager post to take a job in Monett, Mo., so the hunt begins for his replacement. Nearly a year after the incident, district court will arraign Maxwell Williams in the lover's triangle ambush attempted murder case involving victim William Hopkins. In the upcoming USD 365 School Board races, Kevin "Gunner Calley" of Richmond will run against incumbent Michael Richards of Greeley and Mark Pows of Garnett will run against incumbent Sonya Martin of Garnett. ACHS' senior Abby Reid wins gold in the 3A State 300 meter hurdles and medals in her three other events at the Kansas State Track and Field meet in Wichita. A massive summer wind and rain storm smashes Anderson County June 11 dropping as much as four inches of rain with wind speeds near Greeley estimated at some 90 mph. City commissioners authorized a raise and better insurance benefits in 2019, but outgoing city manager still tells them the Garnett Police Department can't recruit cops to fill vacancies. City commissioners want a meeting with the Garnett Housing Authority Board to pursue options for expanding the city's elderly housing capacity. Some 200 attend the dedication ceremony for the Anderson County Veterans Memorial on a warm

but breezy June 13. Garnett BPW member Jenny Myers hands over the reins of the Kansas BPW organization presidency to another Garnett member for the 2021-2022 year, Miranda Naylor. Saint Luke's Health System announces it will combine management of the Garnett and Iola facilities under 23 year U.S. Army veteran Elmore Patterson. The Garnett Lions Club's annual Kansas Dual Sport Safari backroads motorcycle ride attracts riders from four states. The City of Garnett plans a watermelon feed and band concert to highlight this year's LibertyFest fireworks display. 12th District State Senator Caryn Tyson will forward a bill to ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory in Kansas schools. Patriots Bank founder Jim Cooper celebrates his 70th anniversary in the banking business with a customer event in downtown Garnett.

July

Garnett officials take a look at fogging the community to kill mosquitoes, an increasing problem due to the wet, muggy summer weather. Growing Garnett Heart & Soul revives the city's historic July 4 parade with a downtown morning event. Some 450 vehicles from 25 Kansas counties attend the city's LibertyFest fireworks display at Lake Garnett Park. The Richmond Fair makes a full-scale comeback from last year's abbreviated Covid event with a large number of pre-entries for exhibits. Kaylyn Disbrow signs a letter of intent to play volleyball and softball at Salem University in Salem, West Virginia. The Garnett KART Club, which has been hosting go-kart races in Garnett since 1957, will host a weekend of racing July 10-11. Topeka Democrat Patrick Schmidt announces he'll run against Jake LaTurner for the 2nd District Congressional seat in Nov. 2022. USD 365 School Board member Nicci Denny of Garnett resigns her post after a row over re-hiring of the high school's baseball coach. Anderson County Fair plans a host of events for the July 24-31 event with a carnival and other activities. Severe damage done to the Scipio Parish Hall in last month's wind storm puts the hall's future in limbo. USD 365 sets a deadline of Sept. 1 for letters of interest from prospective candidates for appointment to Nicci Denny's former position. Opponents to wind farms in Linn County who stopped a wind development there in 2019 hope to have an influence on an addendum being written to the county's comprehensive plan to further restrict wind farms in the county. Garnett commissioners tentatively approve a budget of \$11.8 million for 2022. A discussion over \$160,000 in repairs to the Garnett City Swimming Pool recently expanded into a familiar lament over a lack of funds for Garnett city projects and preliminary moves to advance a ½ cent sales tax to city voters to fund a slate of city projects. 12th District State Senator Caryn Tyson announces she'll run for state treasurer in 2022. Longtime educator and 4H supporter Nancy Horn is the grand marshal of this year's Anderson County Fair Parade. The corn crop appears to have made the most of heavier rains earlier in the summer, with early planted corn looking really good according to Frontier Extension District Ag Agent Ryan Schaub. Lynetta Logan wins the 50" television in the Anderson County Review's annual Customer Appreciation Week promotion. Demolition begins on the former "Snuggle Inn" motel after it's purchased by Dutch Country Cafe for an expansion of the pop-

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ular restaurant's parking lot. Garnett city commissioners are seeking community input on the city manager selection with an online survey.

August

Governor Kelly tries to convince schools that students and teachers – even those that are vaccinated – should mask back up for the new school year. Fun Times Shows, the carnival company contracted by the county fair association for this year's Anderson County Fair, is no fun at all when they bail out on the local event saying staff shortages preclude them from doing both Garnett and Paola's event on the same nights. Garnett City Commissioner Greg Gwin gets nearly \$11,000 in a settlement with the city for some 13 years of retirement system premiums he was never offered when he qualified earlier in his tenure. The county fair's new Open Mic night adds some entertainment to the carnival-less midway amid blazing hot temperatures for fair week. USD 365 will encourage – but not require – masks for students and teachers this school year. After conferring with mental health professionals, 5th District Kansas Representative Mark Samsel surrenders his state-issued substitute teaching license, saying his April incident in a Wellsville classroom was due to "extreme stress." For the second year in a row, Allen County again leads the pack of five area counties in key crime measured annually by the KBI—Anderson County ranks number two in the area. Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine tells a joint meeting of city and county commissioners he fears a bidding war for hard-to-hire officers after Garnett offers officers a big raise and a hiring bonus. Janet Alexander sells Scipio Supper Club to Traci and Josh Burkdoll of Princeton. Local hair stylist Linda Miller announces her retirement after 50 years in business. Tommy Emerson says the warrant issued for the search of residence last year that resulted in methamphetamine charges should be thrown out, because the claims magistrate judge Kevin Kimball knew him and knew of the drug and sex activities at Emerson's home. Kincaid Fair organizers lose their longtime carnival company and ask for help from community members to operate a field of inflatable rides for kids that will replace the carnival at this year's fair. Garnett pays \$146,000 in the first of 20 installment payments

scheduled over 10 years on the low-interest loan it got from the state of Kansas to pay \$2.9 million in extra gas charges from February's Coldpocalypse. A review of the county's annual delinquent tax publication shows fewer property owners owe more in overall back taxes than last year – about \$349,000. Congressman Jake LaTurner and U.S. Senators Roger Marshall and Jerry Moran pull no punches in their criticism of the Biden Administration after a debacle in the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan. Longtime newspaper columnist and local history book author Allene Luedke from Colony is laid to rest. Central Heights installs a new school sign in front of its facility. Flags are flown at half-staff in Anderson County and across the country after 13 American service members are killed in a terrorist attack amidst the chaos of President Biden's military retreat from the Hamid Karzai Airport. Toddy's Back Porch cocktail lounge opens in Garnett.

September

Saint Luke's Health System announces it will require all staff to get a Covid vaccination by the end of October, affecting workers at both Garnett and Iola hospitals. Former Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer bows out of the 2022 governor's race due to a prostate cancer diagnosis and throws his support to fellow Republican Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. The ACDA committee will host public meetings in September to discuss downtown revitalization for Garnett. Garnett Police Chief Kurt King says the fact that Kansas concealed carry permits more than doubled over the past year likely has to do with an increasing mood of anti-law enforcement and the overall political climate. Republicans from Kansas in the U.S. Congress protest President Biden's nationwide vaccine mandate for federal workers and contractors and businesses with more than 100 employees. Mark Samsel escapes jail time and is sentenced to a year's probation with a number of conditions after pleading guilty to three charges of disorderly conduct in connection with his April incident in a Wellsville school classroom. Local drivers will have to be patient a little longer with the highway detour between Garnett and Welda, as KDOT officials say the reconstruction project will take a little longer to finish. A traffic metering count reveals more than 9,800 vehicles used East Park Road in Garnett between August 3 and August 10, with

225 vehicles over 33 feet long. Garnett City Commissioners vote 2-1 to commit some \$64,000 over 15 years for the formation and execution of a comprehensive street plan, with an aim toward assessing and determining priorities in local street work and a programmed approach to those repairs over time. Garnett plans a 160th birthday party downtown on Oct. 7. Richard Dean Goppert, whose charitable foundation funded hundreds of thousands of dollars in Anderson County projects and other communities where the family had banking operations, passes away in Kansas City, Mo., the day after turning 90. Richard and Lou Church will be the grand marshals of this year's Kincaid Fair Parade. McKenna Hammond is chosen Kincaid Fair Queen among fellow candidates Brylee Zook and Delaney Ramsey. Anderson County opens a probate case to collect cremation costs for a Garnett man's body after he dies owning a local home but with no competent relatives. Top House and Senate lawmakers in Topeka agree to establish a special legislative committee to examine options for thwarting federal policy layered with COVID-19 government mandates tied to the pandemic. Crest fall homecoming candidates are Anna Hermreck, Lonna Ayers, Lindsey Godderz, Stetson Setter, Avery Blaufuss and Holden Barker. Central Heights homecoming candidates are Lily Meyer, Addey Froggatte, Taryn Compton and Alexis Haynes for queen, Dominic Lopez, Tyler Calvert, Wyatt Bird and Tony Detwiler for king. The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and Garnett Farmers Market host a free chili feed downtown as a finale to the 2021 market.

October

Avery Blaufuss and Anna Hermreck are crowned King and Queen of Crest Homecoming. Garnett organizers are readying for the 9th annual Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival Oct. 8-10. Kansas Republicans petition Gov. Laura Kelly for a special session of the legislature to address President Biden's Covid vaccine mandates. Tony Detwiler and Lily Meyer are crowned Central Heights fall homecoming royalty. ACHS homecoming candidates are Hallie Fritz, Madison Danner, Ally Duke, Fisher Galey, Reece Katzer and Jorel Nicolas. County Attorney Elizabeth reveals a wave of local crime cases while her office is down one employee after county commissioners confront her with office overtime charges. Anderson County Commissioners are rounding up requests from local public agencies for the latest \$1.5 million Covid cash allotment from the federal government. Former USD 365 Technology Director Adam Caylor is selected to fill the

unexpired term of Nicci Denny on the USD 365 School Board. Ally Duke and Jorel Nicolas are crowned ACHS homecoming queen and king. Garnett's Colby Wittman wins the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival/EKAE Autocross event in the Under 3 Liter division. A car crash near Westphalia claims the life of 31 year-old Odysse Allen and injures Valorie Stewart of Kincaid. County officials are working on a followup tax foreclosure sale that will involve about 60 properties, following the previous sale of 50 tracts in 2019. In a move to retain its work force in the face of increasing wages amid the labor shortage, county commissioners give all county workers except deputies and jailers an across-the-board \$2 per hour raise. ACHS golfers Reagan Witherspoon, Ally Duke, Reese Witherspoon, Alexis Overstreet and Aislyn Smith qualify for the 3A State Golf Tournament. Anderson County Hospital Auxiliary member Sally Emerson will lead the state's hospital volunteer organization. Seneca Wettstein wins the final race of the season in the NHRA High School Division at Heartland Park in Topeka. Incumbent school board members running for re-election in USD 365 Gina Witherspoon, Sonya Martin and Michael Richards skip a forum hosted by activist group Molon Labe Truth, so the discussions are focused on attending challengers Kevin Calley and Mark Powls. A full range of Halloween activities are in store for the local area as area organizations and individuals get into the season. Garnett is looking for volunteers for a number of city advisory boards. Garnett commissioners expect to get their first look at city manager applicants at an October 26 city meeting. Both girls and boys cross country teams from Garnett and Central Heights qualify for their state meets. Garnett natives Trish (Teel) Bandre and Carol (Mader) Lutz are inducted into the Kansas Association for Youth Alumni Network Leadership Camp Staff Hall of Fame. County commissioners present Jerry Howarter a plaque recognizing his work in organizing the effort to build the county's veterans memorial on the courthouse courtyard.

November

Cornstock Concert on the Hill will be a "go" for September 2022, and organizers plan to announce the festival's headline act at the Garnett Christmas parade later this month. The mandate by Saint Luke's that all employees must be vaccinated costs the system of 12,000 staff 120 employees, company officials say. Garnett draws 21 applications for its city manager's position. Randa (Rockers) Teagarden and her son Ben Reese open "Jammin Nutrition" a healthy drink shop

in downtown Garnett. Garnett officials are still waiting for a first entry in the city's new city event contest for 2022, which will award a minimum of \$1,000 in tourism marketing funding. Growing Garnett Heart & Soul hosts its Phase 2 workshop for community planning with facilitator Michelle Wodtke-Franks. Former Garnett resident Bryan Norman received a Kart Enduro National Championship Triad 1st place and second place the weekend of October 23rd and 24th at the National Go Kart races that were held at Hallet Raceway in Oklahoma. Incumbent USD 365 board members Michael Richards and Sonya Martin retain their seats against challengers Kevin Calley and Mark Powls by wide margins. Former local resident Jeff Cox wins a seat on the Overland Park City Council. Contractors begin work on the Garnett Country Club's \$200,000 irrigation system. AC volleyball players Brooklyn Galey and Emma Schaffer win first and second team All-League selection in the Pioneer League. Twenty five year-old Garnett City Commissioner Cody Gettler dies after a prolonged illness. ACDA sets a how-to meeting for locals interested in opening private daycare operations to help alleviate child care pressure on working families. Crest's Holden Barker wins a 1st Team running back Three Rivers League selection, with other honorees Ty Chambers 1st Team offensive guard, Cody Nolan 1st Team defensive lineman and Ethan Godderz honorable mention at quarterback and linebacker. Bailey Brockus, 1st Team, and Cameron Peel, honorable mention, each earned Flint Hills League honors from Central Heights Volleyball. Nghia Nguyen of Olathe dumps his car in Lake Garnett after a mechanical failure on the lake road. Patriots Bank in Garnett awarded the local WINGS chapter \$2,000 earned by members who use the Patriots Bank WINGS debit cards. A Linn County judge reduces Rocky Allen's bail allowing him to bond out of the Bourbon County Jail, while his preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12 is delayed again. A Wichita-based author recounts his investigation into Harry and Bess Houdini's 1897 performances in Garnett, and the ethical turning point those performances are credited with bringing to Houdini's career. Garnett's Cornstock committee announces its 2022 headline act: the Roots & Boots Tour with Aaron Tipping, Sammy Kershaw and Colln Raye. City commissioners begin the process of appointing a replacement for


Cody Gettler's Garnett City Commission seat. More than 30 percent of Kansas students fell behind their grade level in math and language arts during the 2020-2021 Covid closure school year, according to state test scores. Garnett City Commissioners grant tourism funding for their next big event contest to five awardees, the Walker Art Committee, Garnett BPW, Growing Garnett Community Heart & Soul, Hope Anthem Church and the Anderson County Flywheelers.

December

The new Omicron Covid variant spreads quickly, but with far more mild symptoms than previous versions of the virus, health officials say. Veterans interviewed by the Review 20 years ago for a retrospective on Pearl Harbor Day have all passed away. The nation mourns the passing of former Kansas Senator Bob Dole. 12th District State Senator Caryn Tyson wins the Jefferson Award from the American Legislative Exchange Council for her work on property tax transparency while chairing the Senate's Assessment and Taxation Committee. This year's Westphalia Elementary 5th & 6th Quiz Bowl team is comprised of Colton Dilley, Landon Beddo, Carly Edgecomb, Kale Schafer and Dixon Brooks. Five city residents submit letters of interest for appointment to the Garnett City Commission vacancy. Tornadoes slam six midwest states and kill more than 70 in Kentucky, and county emergency preparedness director J.D. Mersman says having multiple ways to be notified of such storms is your best bet to survive one. Surveys show the pandemic and public schools' response to it has brought more families to choose homeschooling in Kansas. Brylee Zook of Garnett finishes first overall in the 19 & under Breakaway girls competition at Rising Stars Calf Roping in Guthrie, Okla. Tommy Emerson's attorney now wants the special prosecutor in the case removed, saying Stephen Maxwell's appointment doesn't fit Kansas statutory muster. A total of 10 local residents have submitted letters to be considered for appointment to the vacant Garnett City Commission seat. City clerk Travis Wilson is picked by Mayor Jody Cole and commissioner Greg Gwin as Garnett's new city manager. County commissioners pass a resolution with strong language opposing President Biden's "30x30" program, which seeks to encompass 30 percent of the nation's land as "National Heritage Areas" by the year 2030.

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apparent relief in sight for the labor situation. Prison staffs are so short some in Kansas are curtailing in-person visiting days. Teacher shortages threaten to boost class sizes and halt some class offerings across the state altogether, not to mention the shortage of substitute teachers. As the winter weather season sets in, Kansas Department of Transportation worried it may not have enough people to clear state highways in the event of winter storms.

Gasoline price increase:

Steadily increasing gasoline prices at local stations took an ever-increasing bite out of drivers' wallets throughout 2021 as per-gallon costs topped \$3 locally and across the region.

The increases of better than \$1 per gallon since fall of 2020 hit particularly hard at local workers who commute for their jobs outside the local area. Prices started an uptick in 2020 after long time lows but remained steady during the Covid pandemic due to consistent production and low demand due to the economic shutdown. The takeoff in prices in fall 2020 was said to be due to increased demand and lowering domestic production, as well as an increase in the price of Saudi oil due to a rift with the Biden Administration.

An estimated 40 percent of Anderson County workers commute to jobs outside the county, with average commuters driving some 24 miles to their jobs.

Yet Anderson County currently fares better than neighboring counties in terms of gasoline costs. The most recent fuel cost analysis by Kansas AAA shows Anderson County with the lowest pump prices

(about \$2.96 per gallon) among its contiguous counties in East Central Kansas.

A Fox News survey says for every 10¢ increase in per-gallon price of gasoline, \$1.3 billion comes out of Americans discretionary spending. At the close of the Christmas season the impact of those prices on the Christmas shopping season was still unknown.

Kelly thwarted

In the post-pandemic year in Kansas, Governor Laura Kelly tried to enact new restrictions on business, residents and schools in Anderson County and the rest of the state, but Republicans in the Legislature were having none of it.

After crippling lockdowns of business, schools and populations and then an inch-by-inch reopening plan in 2020 that was eventually short cut by lawmakers, Gov. Kelly again attempted to enact another mask mandate in April 2021 as Covid cases were trending down. The new mandate was shut down by Republicans controlling the Legislative Coordinating Council. The move left mask decisions up to counties and lesser governments in their own jurisdictions.

Kelly tried in August with another mask mandate, this time for all state employees and state facilities including the Kansas Statehouse, and was again called down by legislators. The same opposition followed later in the month when her reopening protocols for Kansas public schools "encouraged" masks for students, teachers and staff while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

USD 365 and Crest USD 479 made masks optional for stu-

dents for the school year.

Coldpocalypse costs

A historic cold snap that slammed into the Central Plains February and lasted through February 18 wreaked havoc on the local area and the multi-state region, causing much-debated damage to natural gas well heads in the south that limited gas supply and forces record-breaking price spikes. Gas that sold for less than \$3 per unit the month prior suddenly rocketed to more than \$600 per unit that week, which meant a \$1.5 million gas bill for the City of Garnett in the first two weeks of February alone - about the same amount as was budgeted for the remainder of 2021.

State legislators and Governor Kelly moved quickly to arrange a low-interest loan fund that allowed municipalities and businesses to pay those costs, which were often between 5 and 50 times regular billings. Garnett started paying on its total \$2.9 million extra billing in August.

Is time our friend or our foe?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

read, "So God created man in his own image in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

There is one more important aspect of time. It runs out. For each of us time will someday cease. God is no respecter of persons. Time will run out for each of us. I hope that makes us look at how we are using our time. In Hebrews 9:27 we read: "It is appointed for man to die." After that time will be no more. There will be no opportunity to right the wrongs. When we lay down at night and all is quiet and dark are we comfortable with the ticking of the clock? If not maybe we need to change the way we spend our time.

God puts a lot of importance on time. He separated the light and the dark to give us time for rest. Every time he sent his people into captivity he did it for a specified time. God also set one day aside for we read in Genesis 2:3; "And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating he had done."

God did not create this day for us to ignore or to fill with activities. We read he blessed the seventh day. God created you and me for fellowship with him. In Genesis 1:27 we

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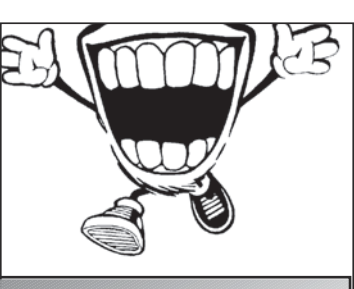
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PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Finance, or a related field.
- Three (3) years of municipal office experience.
- Three (3) years of supervisory experience.
- Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Designation.

Salary based on qualifications for this position is \$50,000 - \$65,000 annually with benefits including KPERS retirement, health, dental, and vision insurance, paid vacation, paid sick leave, and paid holidays. This position requires that the individual resides within the corporate limits of Garnett within six (6) months from the date of hire. For a complete job description and application, stop by City Hall, 131 W. 5th Ave., Garnett, KS or apply online at www.simplygarnett.com. The position will remain open until filled, with the first review of applications occurring on January 3rd. EOE

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