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New pool?

Company estimates replacing Garnett's pool at \$2.5-\$3.5 million

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A decade-long, on again-off again discussion among city officials about the Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool got some added context earlier this month, when a report from a St. Louis-area pool construction company estimated a cost of replacement for the pool at \$2.5-\$3.5 million.

Discussions about the pool have been resurrected various times over the past decade - seemingly every time some kind of repair is needed at the facility. The issue's been a quandary for city officials, since the pool is expensive to operate and even more expensive to replace - but is a staple of local youth activity in the summer months.

Dave Weicher with St. Charles, Mo.-based Capri Pools & Aquatics, summed up the replacement estimates after a recent review of the facility requested by city rec

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Family Dollar project waiting for electrical transformer

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A supply chain disruption in the shipment of a commercial grade electrical transformer is pushing back the opening of the new Family Dollar/DollarTree store in Garnett, company officials said last week.

"In a perfect world, we would probably be looking at an opening date the third or fourth Thursday in February," said Steve Rollins, with American Realty and Development, the division of Guffey Properties which is constructing the property to be leased to Family Dollar. "But that's the difference between here and the perfect world."

Published reports reflect the shortage in electrical transformers - even the huge ones used by utility companies - ever since the Covid pandemic hampered production labor and availability of component parts. One report said the U.S. was 82 percent dependent on

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Anderson County skies have become an outdoor gym for some high-flying regional athletes

BY BARB HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY - If your hobby is racing homing pigeons, one of your weekly tasks will be exercising them. The challenge is that they just don't make treadmills small enough.

So of course you get in the truck and drive better than an hour to a location near Greeley to release them so they can get a workout flying some 65 miles back - in a relatively straight line - to Kansas City, Ks. This is Robert Rome's hobby.

On a weekly basis Robert Rome loads up a couple dozen homing pigeons into his truck, and he and his daughter head to Anderson County to release them.

A 22-year veteran of law enforcement, Rome said he got started with pigeon racing when he bought his first seven birds four years ago to train his hunting dog.

"I became fascinated with the pigeons and really enjoyed watching them fly and return home," Rome said. "This led to me taking them further and further away from home to see how far they could make it. I didn't know racing was even a sport."

And do the birds make it back home? Of course they do, every time.

"They'll get home before I will," Rome said.

Rome said he started researching the birds and discovered it wasn't uncommon for them to travel 600 miles or more. That led to his discovery of the sport of pigeon racing, and eventually to his purchasing birds from as far away as Belgium and the Netherlands.

If you've ever doubted the reliability of a homing pigeon's capabilities, look no further than "Cher Ami." The bird was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps in France during World War I and is credited with transporting a message that saved the lives of 194 soldiers after two previous message birds were shot and killed by the Germans.

Cher Ami himself was wounded in the breast and leg but managed to make it to the division headquarters some 25 miles to the rear with a message capsule, saving the battalion. The bird survived but died a year later. His body has been preserved and is on display at the Smithsonian. Cher Ami is a decorated war veteran of WWI and was later inducted into the Racing Pigeon Hall of Fame in 1931.

These birds are banded for identification with a computer chip and are released at

Above, Robert Rome and his daughter Faith release a group of homing pigeons near Greeley for a 100 mile flight workout, headed back to KCK. At right, Rome shows one of the bands that identify his birds.



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2022's Top Story: All the money that used to be yours...

High prices in 2022 brought national policy to the doors - and wallets - of local residents

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - One thing certain about 2022 in Anderson County: Other people have more of your money now than they did a year ago.

So in terms of the inflation that wracked the nation in 2022 beginning shortly after the rollout of billions of U.S. Government-borrowed dollars in Covid recovery spending in virtually

every industry and literally landing directly in the pockets of most all Americans - higher prices and the eventual impact on your household and your finances was undoubtedly the biggest story of 2022.

In literal terms, it cost the average Kansas family \$8,700 more to get by this year than last between increased costs for food, utilities, gasoline and various other fees. And a great amount of that price-hiking function was simply in people's heads. A report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas explained how inflation "expectations" among decision makers in various industries prompt-

ed them to increase prices, and more so when already present inflation was primed by escalating costs for gasoline.

"The spike in gasoline prices in the summer of 2022 accentuated the similarities of inflation today to the 1970s and 1980s," said an article in the Federal Reserve's quarterly economic Review of the Midwest region. "Although much has changed since then, including the importance that monetary policymakers place on managing inflation expectations, our results underscore that inflation expectations remain susceptible to salient price shocks when inflation is

already high."

Like anyone turning a vehicle's ignition key every morning to head to work, a lot of Anderson Countians felt the pain of spiking gas prices. About 45 percent of the county's workforce - some 1,500 people over the age of 16 - travel outside Anderson County each day to work with a median commute time of 26 minutes one way according to 2020 U.S. Census data. Twenty-one percent of those

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Gasoline prices broke \$4 per gallon May and drove inflation rates higher for most goods.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NO BINGO
There will be no Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett on December 27, 2022 or January 3, 2023. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m.

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Austin Akers and Emily C Akers to Levi W Stevens: E2 lot 17 & all lot 18 blk 17 City of Garnett.
Kurt T Katzer and Angela M Katzer to Brock Rickerson: Lot 8 Prairie Links Subdivision, A Subdivision now a part of City of Garnett.
Levi W Stevens and Heather E Stevens to Levi W Stevens and Heather E Stevens: E2 lot 17 and all lot 18 blk 17 City of Garnett.
Okam Farms LLC to Richard Thomas Miller: Sw4 nefr4 and nw4 nefr4 1-21-19.

Bobbie Jean Maldonado was charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.
Miles Murphy Ballard was charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.
ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED
Anna M Belles was charged with two counts of giving a worthless check < \$1,000.
ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER
Giovanni Rodriguez was booked into jail on March 3, 2021.
Sabre Suire was booked into jail on November 12, 2021.
Tyler Rhodes was booked into jail on April 30, 2022.
Jeffrey Gregg was booked into jail on July 19, 2022.
Isidro Madrid was booked into jail on August 12, 2022.
Sean Williams was booked into jail on August 22, 2022.
Jessica Lynn Koopman was booked into jail on October 7, 2022.
John Randall Penner was booked into jail on October 12, 2022.
Jesse Dean Osborn was booked into jail on October 23, 2022.
Patric Michael Vandenberg was booked into jail on December 12, 2022.
ANDERSON COUNTY FARM-INS
Charles Rogers was booked into jail on July 25, 2022.
Andrew Jessip was booked into jail on September 8, 2022.
Anthony Conner was booked into jail on October 13, 2022.
Galen Staton was booked into jail on November 10, 2022.
Albert Toumberlin was booked into jail on November 10, 2022.
Sean Foster was booked into jail on November 16, 2022.
Jessica Jeanine Schmidt was booked into jail on December 6, 2022.
Randell Smith was booked into jail

on December 12, 2022.
Treveon Carrington was booked into jail on December 12, 2022.
David Crim was booked into jail on December 13, 2022.
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GRAVEEN

NOVEMBER 17, 1949 - DECEMBER 19, 2022

Linda R. Graveen passed away peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 19, 2022.



Graveen

Linda Rhea Canada was born November 17, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, she was the first of four children of Ray and Lucille Canada. Linda graduated from Wheaton North High School in 1967 and later attended Murray State University in Kentucky where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business.

While in high school Linda was a cheerleader and enjoyed acting and singing in different plays and musicals. She was an avid bowler, in addition to playing the violin and accordion. In her early years she worked as a flight attendant for Delta. While living in Garnett, Linda made many acquaintances through her work at Alco, Mr. D's and later at Casey's. She loved being able to greet and talk to her customers. Linda had a heart for others and she never forgot a birthday or missed an opportunity to be a blessing to others no matter how little she may have had at the time. Linda was married in 1970 and had one daughter, Amanda. She loved spending time with her family, spoiling her grandkids, watching Hallmark movies with Corky (her dog) and drinking coffee. After a major stroke in 2019, Linda retired (reluctantly) and

became a resident at Parkview Heights Care Center where she was loved and cared for until the end. Her aides and nurses became part of her extended family. Linda was a wonderful big sister, loving mother and the best grandmother. She was loved by all.

Linda was preceded in death by her father Ray Canada.

She is survived by her mother Lucille Canada, her daughter Amanda Allison and husband Davy and two grandchildren Jason and Jacob Allison; as well as her sister, Thelma Fisher, two brothers, Ray Canada and wife Mary, and Rob Canada and wife Amy; and the following nieces and nephews: Shane Fisher and wife, Brittany, Jason Canada and husband, Joe Caballero, Chris Canada and wife, Candace, Bethany Boyer and husband, Jordan, and Hunter Canada. She is also survived by three great grandnieces and grandnephews Nash and Quinn Fisher and Kai Canada.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday, December 29, 2022 at New Life Baptist Church, Garnett, Kansas. Linda's family will greet friends from 5:00-6:00 PM prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Baptist Church and left in care of the funeral home. Inurnment next to her father in Water Valley, Kentucky is planned for a later date. Services are under the direction of Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett. Condolences to the family may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

Hoyle R. Runnells, age 94, of Colony, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the Anderson County Hospital in Garnett.

Hoyle Raymond Runnells was born on March 16, 1928, in Burlington, Kansas, the son of Leo and Ola (Gardner) Runnells. Hoyle was united in marriage to Mary E. Bronson.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett, Kansas. His family will greet friends following the funeral service in the chapel. Burial will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Pomona, Kansas.

LYBARGER

JULY 22, 1938 - DECEMBER 21, 2022

Betty J. Lybarger, age 84, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Betty Joan Turner was born on July 22, 1938, at Westphalia, Kansas. She was born to Herbert and Treva M. (Strickler) Turner. Betty was united in marriage to Dale Lybarger on June 25, 1955, in

Garnett, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the Garnett First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Betty's family will greet friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday evening at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett.

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Are you truly saved by grace through faith?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

In Ephesians we read, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8) The interesting thing is it took no more of God's grace to save me than would be required to save the most hardened sinner. If I may draw a conclusion, in our legal system we punish the guilty by the severity of the crime. In God's eyes sin is sin. In Proverbs 6:16, we read a list of things the Lord hates, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush to evil, a false witness and a man that stirs up dissension among brothers.

When Jesus died on the cross he took upon himself the sins of the world, specifically those mentioned above. What we must remember is it is not the severity of our sin that separates us from God. It is the fact that we choose to sin.

We all live in the same world and each of us must make choices. The saved or born again person will make different choices than the unsaved person. I do not go to some of the places now I did before I

was saved. I am not prohibited from anything that is just a choice I make. Now the next question is am I satisfied with that choice or do I feel I need to modify this choice to make it so that it fits both God and myself? Over the years we have softened sin by inventing new descriptions such as alternative lifestyle and new age morality.

If we are saved by grace through faith into good works then we should live that lifestyle. Some people try to make a commitment to this but that often ends in failure and frustration because that depends on your performance. What I believe this takes is surrender. Webster defines surrender as to relinquish possession of. When you are willing to relinquish control of your life to God then you are truly saved by grace through faith.

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When divisiveness is a good thing

REVIEW COMMENTARY



DANE HICKS, Publisher

It's often hard to wrap one's head around a modern cultural system that holds that there's legal justification for a gay couple to force a wedding cake baker to make a cake for an event that's against his religious convictions, while at the same time apparently supporting Chase Bank's closing of the account of a religious freedom lobby group for what is a very plain but "unstated" reason.

So it all begs the question: Is conservative thought and conscience under attack by various institutions?

Duh. They're symptoms of the divisiveness we're seeing in the culture right now, and though a lot of conservatives bemoan it, I'm not sure it's a bad thing. There's much virtue, it seems, in being divided from a cultural anomaly with such a yearning to embrace anti-Christian, pro-perversion, pro-socialism ideologies. Most of us outside the urban rings of the country have been ingrained with more sensible, conservative values over our lifetimes, and we're frankly aghast at how things could have gone off the rails to such an extreme in some quarters of American culture.

I mean, the department of commerce in the State of Kansas giving grants to organizations that sponsor drag shows? How exactly does something like that come across someone's desk and get stamped "approved?" What's next? Roadside lingerie kiosk funding from KDOT?

So it comes as no surprise when the National Committee For Religious Freedom, a non-profit lobby organization founded by former Kansas Governor Sam Brownback to recruit and support Christian-based political candidates and legislation, got notice that Chase Bank was closing its account and refunding its deposits - then said it would consider reopening the account if NCRF would disclose its donor list to the bank on any donor providing ten percent or more of the organization's funds.

What? An odd request, considering that political action organizations aren't even required by the IRS to disclose that information. Why exactly would a private, powerhouse New York bank want to know?

Chase wouldn't say directly, but a former 15-year veteran of management at Chase told The Daily Wire Chase would frequently "Red Dot" certain accounts if they believed the customer would somehow negatively affect Chase's reputation - sort of like the Nazis banking at Swiss banks during World War II. If they opted to close the account for that reason, they'd never be up front about it, so the former bank official told the news service.

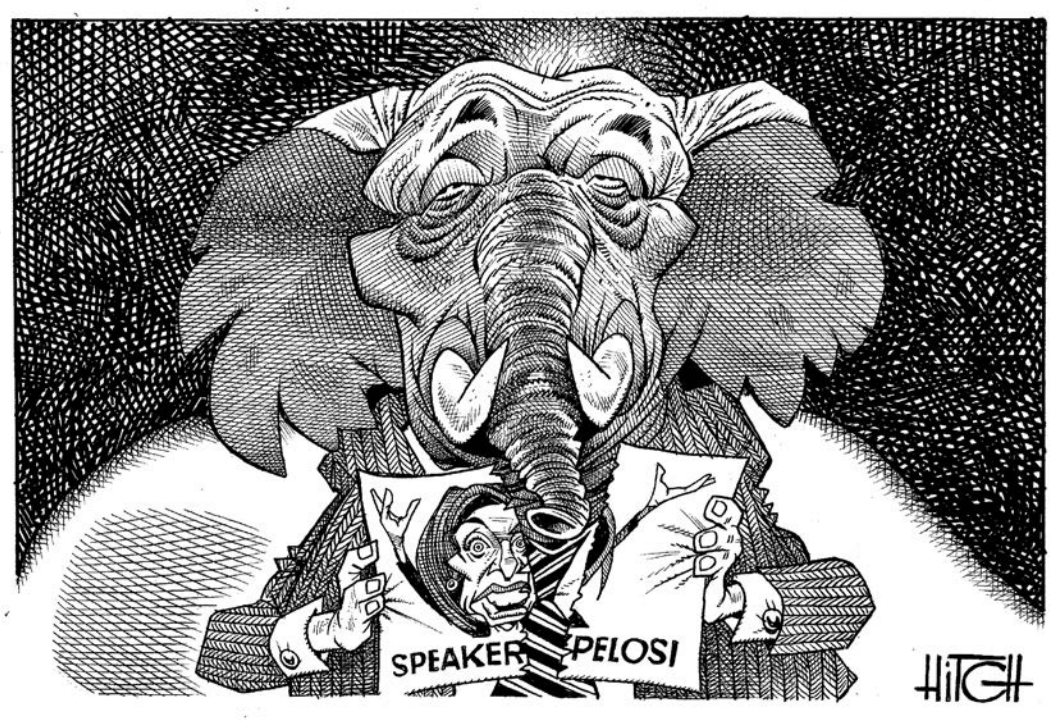
So it didn't take much thought for Rev. Justin Murff, the executive director for NCRF, to come up with the idea that perhaps religious organizations and their affiliates might launch a competing banking system of their own if they couldn't count on basic services from modern commercial banks. Murff, a canon in the Anglican Church in North America, termed the idea a "banking version of the Knights of Columbus."

Of course Murff isn't the first to come up with the idea of ideologically conservative financial services. Country music star John Rich was integral in laying the groundwork to launch "Old Glory Bank" based on an Oklahoma bank charter that pledges to adhere to conservative values. "Old Glory Bank - the bank for the hard-working Americans who make this country run every day. The bank for people who believe in love of country, respect for the flag, and appreciate the military, law enforcement and first responders" says Old Glory's website.

Conservative competition's happened in other industries too. About a year ago when Harry's Razors pulled its advertising from The Daily Wire's various podcast and online programs because the conservative news service's on-air personalities had the audacity to profess their beliefs that boys are boys and girls are girls - the end - DW chief Jeremy Boring launched his own razor company. Called Jeremy's Razors, the effort has now siphoned millions of dollars in revenue from Harry's market. And Jeremy's Razors' attitude is as forthright as its advertising copy:

"Stop giving your money to woke corporations that hate you. Jeremy's Razors. Shut up and shave."

Conservatives are finding there are options to mandates and directives from those who believe they've been anointed with authority to direct the nation's culture. Indeed, this kind of divisiveness is a good thing.



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I pray the churches will open up their doors for the homeless in Garnett while it is so cold outside. Merry Christmas and God bless you.

Merrick Garland said white supremacy is a top security threat. Jonathan Greenblatt said Freedom of speech not freedom of reach. Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein orchestrated one of the biggest sex trafficking rings in modern history and SBF just committed massive fraud via cryptocurrency to funnel donations to Democrats. If you have been using social media for multiple years, and you still can't figure out who is calling the shots, then I've got some bad news: you're not going to make it.

It's silly to argue about whether churches should have regular services when Christmas falls on a Sunday. Let's just celebrate the birth

of our savior. Why is our Anderson County Attorney getting a full-time job as an assistant county attorney in another place. When she was elected, she said she was going to dedicate herself full-time to our county unlike Brandon Jones.

So is the United States really interested in helping Ukraine or not? Do we wait 10 months to finally give them the Patriot Missile? I'm not sure they were really interested in helping. What do you think?

Terrible job on spreading salt on 7th Street Road during the ice storm Anderson County. Tiny sprinkles of salt did no good at all. Are we too cheap to put down enough salt to do the job? A sprinkling doesn't get it done. Was there something wedged in the spreader that blocked up and you didn't see it? You risked your life to go spread salt, and I appreciate that, but you might as well have stayed in bed for the little bitty amount of salt that you spread on that road to Wolf Creek. Please, for the sake of motorists in Anderson County, do a better job.

Ice storm. Garnett post office. I know you were off work but the rest of us had to check our mailboxes. No salt on the sidewalk at all. If somebody doesn't break a leg or a hip over there today I'll be surprised. Thank you.

Politics in the United States is like the 1850s again

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



BILL O'REILLY, Guest Commentary

In the run-up to the Civil War, Americans divided themselves into two tribes: the first, championed by Abraham Lincoln, swore fidelity to the Constitution, believing the federal government and Supreme Court had the ultimate say in how we, the people, were governed.

The second Tribe, led by General Robert E. Lee, rejected Lincoln. It said that the individual states should hold policy power. And if some states wanted to enslave human beings - they had a right to make that decision.

After Tribe number two was defeated, bitterness and prejudice lingered, but American authority was clear: Washington ran the show.

And so it was that our nation came together to defeat powerful enemies in World War I and II as well as unite against the murderous jihad. Not much dissent in those areas - we were one Tribe.

But now, in 2022, we are back to tribal division on a significant scale.

The midterm election in November went against almost all historical precedents. President Biden and the Democrats are presiding over a troubled economy, the collapse of US border security, and a vicious rise in violent crime that is harming urban Americans at a frightening clip.

Thus, the Dems should have been routed on election day. They were not. It was stunning.

After extensive historical analysis, here's my conclusion: the country is changing fast, spurred on by personal division. We are back to the 1850s; there are two Americas now.

The first, we'll call Tribe number one. These are traditional folks who generally follow the rules and believe America remains the land of opportunity. They purchase homes, invest in financial markets, and support robust education both in school and at home. They generally accept the pathway their parents followed. They buy into capitalism and the belief that the USA is essentially a generous, noble nation.

Tribe number two sees it dramatically differently. Driven by a "progressive" vision, they believe America is flawed and always has been. They want to overthrow the white, male-dominated power structure and replace it with a powerful central government that will redistribute income and dictates almost all policies from Washington.

The second Tribe largely rejects self-reliance and competition, preferring guaranteed outcomes dictated by liberal entitlements. Many members of this Tribe have little stake in the current system, believing it is rigged against minorities and the poor. In short, they have no chance to live in Beverly Hills, so why bother embracing an unfair playing field; tear it down.

Tribe two generally dismisses American tradition and wants a brave new world built on central government financial and lifestyle guarantees.

The truth is the progressive movement is growing faster than the traditional crew. And they will never vote Republican no matter how bad things get in the country.

Now, the reason for the rise in Tribe two is threefold. First, public education, including college, has moved dramatically left.

Second, the corporate media has bought into the "woke" movement, which progres-

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Trump's terrible, awful, really bad political re-launch

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

So far, Donald Trump is having the worst campaign launch since Beto O'Rourke.

Like almost everything else he's done lately, his early announcement of his next presidential campaign has proved a flagrant political misjudgment.

A move that was supposed to demonstrate his strength is showing his weakness; a move that was meant to keep other candidates out of the race is an invitation to other candidates to get in; a move that was supposed to serve notice of his continued dominance of the party is pointing toward its potential end.

He's been eclipsed as an internet troll by Elon Musk, and as a vote-getter by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

He's managed to get the worst of both worlds -- he's been largely invisible at the same time that he's been involved in several damaging controversies.

His midterms got even worse, with the final thudding defeat of one of his prized political projects, Herschel Walker in the Georgia Senate runoff.

And Trump's entry hasn't boosted his poll numbers, or even stabilized them. He's continuing to slide versus DeSantis, with a couple of new polls showing him trailing the Florida governor in a hypothetical head-to-head matchup.

In short, it's hard to imagine how Trump could have had a worse monthlong run. Ordinarily one might say, as a way of exaggerating to emphasize the point, that it only could have been worse if he had had dinner with a Nazi -- but, of course, he did that, too.

It's still early, and premature to count

Trump out. Elected Republicans remain scared of him, and we still can't know if the only potential candidate to show strength against him, DeSantis, will run, or how he'd perform.

If Trump is going to win the nomination, though, it will involve recovering from his disastrous announcement and aftermath.

He clearly believed that the act of announcing in and of itself would be sufficient to cement his status as top dog. That was wrong, and it meant he never thought through the rather crucial question, "So you're a candidate -- now what are you going to do?"

There's been no media blitz. There's been no tour of the country. There's been no rollout of policy or any unifying theme.

If it's too early to make too much of the polls, the former president is still in a uniquely vulnerable place. It's one thing to be trailing if you are a new figure on the national stage who still has room to grow; it's another

if you have universal name ID and everyone already has an extremely well-formed view of you.

It's going to be hard for Trump to find a second act when his act hasn't changed since 2015. Besides, even if he purports to have turned a new leaf, who at this point is going to believe him?

He doesn't have easy levers to use to change the narrative. It's not as though he can have a good legislative session next year like the governors who are thinking of running or use his executive powers to pick useful fights.

There probably aren't even exciting new events he can hold to grab the attention of voters or the media. His signature, of course, are his rallies. They were fresh and new in 2015 and 2016, and quite powerful throughout his presidency and immediately afterward. Now, they are as old and familiar as a Rolling Stones concert.

What's been most damaging to Trump is that association with him in general and "Stop the Steal" in particular proved politically toxic in the midterms. Other Republicans can try to achieve distance in the future. But obviously Trump can't.

These things would have been true even if he hadn't announced already, but if he hadn't gotten in, people would have wondered if he'd instantly look stronger once he was actually in the race. Now, he's answered that question for his adversaries decidedly in the negative.

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Some of my December finds

The excitement of Christmas is now a memory and the New Year is rapidly approaching. My days of digging were very limited in December, mostly due to weather. At the site that I'm now working at, every day I was able to be there, the findings were very good. I have several photos of my latest finds to share with you. Here are four of those finds.

1. Large brass WWII U.S. Army coat button. What is so neat about this button is, we are very sure we know who once wore this button. (Now Deceased)

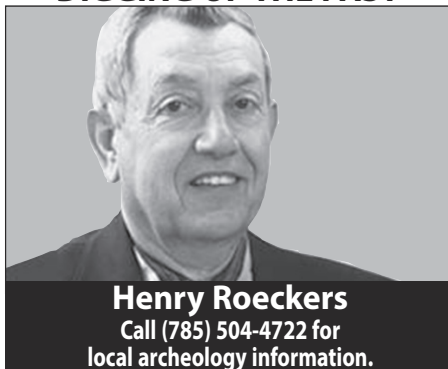
2. Either one of the landowners was once a collector of Native American artifacts lived here or a Native American campsite was here or close by.

One of these stone artifacts is the top of an awl or drill. The other is a worked stone, often referred to as a cobblestone.

3. This is a beautiful large red glass button.

4. Here is another measuring spoon. The earlier one I found was a 1 tea-

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spoon, this one happens to be 1/4 teaspoon. Perhaps I'll find the whole set before I complete this project.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Lickteig steps down after 21 years leading Historical Society

40 years ago...

About 20 property owners from the Hayden addition met with the Garnett Planning Commission on December 14 regarding a request to allow a modular home on the property of the addition. The addition is located north of Highway 31 in the northeast portion of Garnett. Darold Hayden and Earl Lizer had proposed to permit a modular home in the addition; though the area is zoned as an R-1 area, modular homes are only allowed in R-2 and R-3 zoned areas. Property owners were concerned that the valuation of their properties would decline if the house were called in the addition, per Zoning officer Herb Waring. A new machine at Anderson County Hospital could stimulate morphine-like substances in the body to block pain. The neuro-probe unit is used in physical therapy to produce endorphins and enkephalins, which are the body's natural pain controllers. The units can be used to alleviate pain caused by various reasons and are available for pregnant women because they do not introduce new medication or interfere with medications. Complete treatment consists of 20 to 30 minutes of 30-second simulations at about \$20.

30 years ago...

Anderson County Sheriff Fred Litsch returned from Washington DC, receiving a commemorative medal for his service during the convoy to Murmansk, Russia, during World War II. While in the nation's capital, he was invited to participate in a D-Day reenactment held on June 6, 1994. According to the sheriff, several members of Merchant Marines honored in the ceremony at the Russian Embassy in Washington D.C. were also invited to sail about three ships which will leave the United States in June to join a convoy of 40 others to reenact the D-Day landing when the armed forces breached Hitler's Atlantic Wall. Litsch served in the Merchant Marines during the war and sailed on both Liberty and Victory-class ships during his tour of duty. The vessel to be

THAT WAS THEN



Chelsey D'Albini
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sailed by the Merchant Marines in the 1994 reenactment will be the WWII Merchant Marine Memorials SS John W. Brown, SS Jeremia O'Brien, and SS Lane Victory. Anderson County and ten other counties that banded together and signed agreements to participate in the operation of the Northeast Kansas Juvenile Detention Center received notification that their program has received a one-year extension to get the facility operational. Commissioners learned about the extension during the regular meeting on Monday when a letter concerning the extension was reviewed.

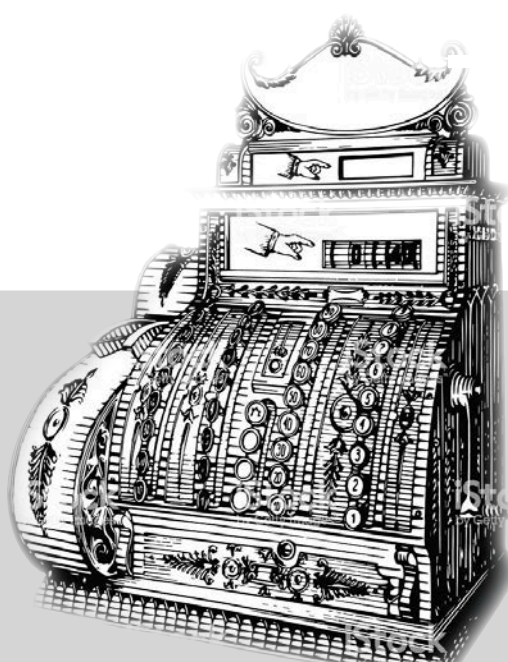
20 years ago...

Local clients of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services will likely see changes in their relationship with the entity due to a \$26 million budget cut from the State of Kansas. In late November, state agencies were asked to trim \$78 million to staunch the hemorrhage of funds in the state's budget. This was in addition to the budget cut instituted in August, where funding was reduced by \$41 million. Critical services could be impacted because additional funding from the federal government is added for each dollar of funding provided by the state. The funding cut from the state will result in SRS losing a total of more than \$49 million overall. New video equipment in the cars of Sheriff Deputies will give more evidence of violations recorded. Sheriff Darin Dalsing spoke to county commissioners about the grant to purchase three mobile cameras and that the commission had been awarded. The cameras would

be mounted to the patrol cars' dashboards to videotape the car's windshield view anytime after the vehicle's emergency lights were engaged. The cameras are also detachable, allowing officers to remove them to videotape evidence at crime scenes and accidents. The cameras cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per camera.

10 years ago...

Local Historian Dorothy Lickteig has devoted her time for the last quarter century to telling as many local stories as possible. Lickteig's devotion to stories that otherwise would be lost to time, some encapsulated by only a tiny write-up in an old newspaper, have filled dozens of historical volumes and other books that tell the history of people who lived in and shaped Anderson County. Her time as 21-year-long tenure as president of the Anderson County Historical Society comes to an end at a time when she has high hopes for the society. "It's time for new energy and new ideas," she said. Her journey started with the search for the grave of her great-grandfather, a man whom Quantrill's raiders had killed in 1863. The investigation led her to archives in Topeka and Washington, D.C., where she learned how to research old newspapers, military records, and other genealogical documents. A Christmas mystery will remain just that, a mystery. A local pastor connects needy families through secret correspondence with an anonymous benefactor. The notes appear on his desk, and Chris Goetz, the pastor at First Christian Church, is asked to identify a few families that could use a little help. His responses are to be left in a specific area of the church for the mysterious "Secret Santa" to find. In the days before the Christmas holiday, those families receive a feast, groceries, and presents, but Goetz and the families do not know the identity of their secret benefactor. It would be hard to be a Scrooge in the face of kindness!



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commuters travel 45 minutes to their job, and 74 percent of the whole lot make their trip alone – meaning they bear the full brunt of higher prices for gas. The commute for a five-day work week was pulling \$70 per week or more out of their pockets.

And as the Kansas Policy Institute illustrated in an analysis, a salary increase to match the 9 percent estimated inflation rate was still subject to the government's take first.

KPI's example focused on an example for a married couple with two kids: their wage income in 2021 was \$75,000, they take the standard deduction, and they don't have any tax credits. A pay increase to offset 9% annualized inflation would boost gross pay by \$6,750, but the net after income and payroll tax only goes up \$5,058. Federal income tax is \$810 higher, state income tax goes up \$367, and Social Security and Medicare taxes

take a \$516 bite out of the pay increase. And that doesn't take into account higher sales taxes due to those higher shelf prices as well as local property tax increases.

At the close of the year gas prices had receded somewhat due to reductions in demand as recession fears mount, and due to massive releases of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that has depleted it by 36 percent – the lowest level since 1984. But as 2023 dawns, competition still had not lowered prices on food and other goods, showing inflation will still be a factor for locals and Americans in general for some time to come.

It was dry

The tap that turned on spring rainfall in Eastern and Southeastern Kansas shut off after June, drying out the eastern third of the state to give a state of what Kansas' westerners have been dealing with for a year.

Kansas State University's agronomy department showed most of eastern Kansas drought free at the beginning of the

growing season, with Anderson County at some 126 percent of its year-to-date expected rainfall from April 1-June 30 and about a half degree warmer than average over that term. Between July 1 and September that precip dropped to 71 percent of average and average temperature climbed by better than 1.5 degrees. That rainfall made our region the garden spot of the whole state for precip – with southcenter and southeast Kansas dropping to less than 40 percent of average rainfall.

The toll could be told by looking at corn and soybean crops browning in area fields. Still, at only about 7 and-a-half inches under average precip totals most local growers had something to harvest – far better than western Kansas where fields saw a smooch as 10 fewer inches of rain, and where they get less than this side of the state to start with.

Local farmers fortunate enough to have brought in a crop and who didn't contract at a lower price or have their margin waylaid by higher fuel and chemical prices may have made money – the standard \$4 per bushel corn was

paying over \$7 in this region once the drought realities and the Russian invasion of Ukraine thumped the markets. Corn was paying \$8 in western Kansas – if you could find any.

Drought conditions weren't expected to improve as the year closed, since Kansas typically sees less rainfall in the fourth quarter of the year than it does in the summer months.

A brand new look

Developers spent most of the summer of 2022 demolishing two cornerstone businesses at the intersection of Park Road and Maple Street in Garnett in preparation for new construction that will drastically alter the aesthetics of North Maple Street. Anderson County Sales Company on the southeast corner was purchased by Leizler Oil of Emporia as a location for a new convenience store, and the former Garnett Foods cheese factory on the northeast corner became the subject of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project for Guffey Properties of Belle, Mo., to eventually house a Family Dollar/Dollar Tree retail store.

Besides offering new economic activity and traffic development in the vicinity, the replacement of the two old structures with new construction will no doubt provide a cleaner, more professional looking retail area for decades to come.

Can't find help

For reasons local business people say they still don't quite understand, employees are still hard to come by in Anderson County – and for that matter, according to statewide press reports– throughout Kansas. Statewide some thirty-three percent of Kansas businesses reported they were struggling to find workers in October, while 17 percent have decreased their hours of operation due to limited staff. Kansas unemployment rate

was 2.8 percent in November and Anderson County's jobless rate set a new record at a mere 1.9 percentile – only 85 workers from the county's labor pool of 4,479 workers were without jobs.

The trouble is particularly apparent in food service, leisure and manufacturing businesses, but skilled positions as well have seen continued vacancies in a variety of industries. Locally the Garnett Police Department and Anderson County Sheriff's Department struggle to fill open road officer positions even after increasing salary and benefits. Anderson County Commissioners in October 2021 bumped salaries \$2 an hour across the board as a defensive move to keep other employers from sharking their

county staffs.

Some analysts say the problem isn't just availability of staff, it's what businesses are paying them. Jeremy Hill, director of the Wichita State University Center for Economic Development and Business Research, opined in October that wages in Kansas hadn't kept up with the labor market. While the national annualized wage average is \$64,021, Kansas averages \$51,490. People are moving to areas and jobs where wages are higher, Hill said.

Staffing and many smaller businesses in the county appeared to be a lingering issue as 2022 ended.

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Chili will be served, free will donation will be accepted. Please direct any questions to Rob Schaub at (785) 828-4438 or rshaub@ksu.edu.

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The first presentation is in Ottawa on January 23rd from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Neosho County Community College, 900 E. Logan St.

Next will be in Bronson from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. at the Bronson Public Library, 509 Clay St.

The final presentation will be in Parsons from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the SE Research and Extension Center, 25092 Ness Road.



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 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 12:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, December 29, 2022
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 30, 2022
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Sunday, January 1, 2023
 New Year's Day

Monday, January 2, 2023
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting
 3:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting at the Miracle House
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338 Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2023
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 12:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 5:30 p.m. - ACHS Booster Club Meeting



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 Crest Lancer Trevor Church, son of Travis and LeAnn Church of Kincaid, recently signed with Fort Scott Community College to play baseball. Pictured from left: LeAnn Church, Lola Church, Trevor Church, Travis Church, Treyton Church, Lainey Church and Theo Church. Standing is Crest Head Coach Roland Weir.

FLIGHT...

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 vating distances to return home. The computer-chipped band will then be detected by a computer once they return logging their arrival. In races, fastest bird wins.
 Homing pigeons navigate by use of visual cues and landmarks along known travel routes, but they also have a magnetic sense called "magnetoreception" that allows them to triangulate their position toward home using the earth's magnetic field. Birds that are launched will circle a time or

two directly over head to get their bearings before trekking for home.
 Racing pigeons is a serious hobby and has unique challenges, like transporting the birds for races. Actually, racers will often mail their birds, using the U.S. Postal Service to get them to a race start location. Races can begin from any location in the U.S. where birds are sent to "re-home." The birds remain there for a period of time to be fed and nurtured so identify the new location as home. Once that has been accomplished an official rac-

ing steward will then transport the competitors to a location hundreds of miles away and release them. Often the birds are released 200-300 miles from home.
 After big races many birds are auctioned to new owners, usually for breeding purposes. It is not uncommon for a bird to be sold for thousands of dollars. And the purses from the races aren't too shabby either.
 Rome is a member of the Kansas City Pigeon Racing Club and he encourages anyone interested in the sport to contact them.

POOL...

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 reation director Phil Bures. Weicher said the 320,000 gallon pool's days are numbered.
 "The facility is at the end of its life and will need to be replaced in the future," Weicher said in his report. "We do not have a crystal ball, but at some point a major repair is in the future."
 Weicher said a formal Americans with Disabilities Act assessment of the bath house needed to be conducted. He said considering the pool's age, he didn't recommend repairing or upgrading with the existing pool shell and building. He said the main drain in the pool doesn't meet modern safety requirements.
 The pool as constructed as a part of the Works Projects Administration during The Great Depression of the mid-1930s along with most of the rest of the Lake Garnett complex. Renovations were made at various times to the structure and most recently in the early 2000s, but the limitations of the facility soon fell behind newer options in Ottawa, Burlington and Paola which became popular for area moms and swimmers. In 2014 city commissioners got a blast of reality concerning the expense involved

in upgrading the facility when their research revealed that adding a slide to the pool would cost \$200,000. At the time Bures recommended perhaps adding a water playground at the southwest side of the pool, but the idea was never pursued.
 In 2015, a chemical explosion slightly injured Bures and did some \$5,000 in damage to the pool's internal plumbing, forcing excavation of a water line leading into the pool from the adjacent playground area.
 The pool's financials alone can't support its replacement without some other type of added financing. During a discussion about adding the slide to the pool, Martin said at the time that a good year only saw \$18,000-\$20,000 in revenues from pool attendance. Operating revenues are also highly dependent on summer weather patterns.
 Bures said his objective in contacting Capri was to get the eyes of professionals on a subject that's become a consistent issue.
 "I know this is a subject that has been talked about numerous times," Bures said in a report to commissioners earlier in December, "but I feel it needs to be addressed again."

O'REILLY...

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 sives champion. Interestingly, most corporate executives are members of Tribe one but are too cowardly to go against the woke tide.
 And third, the Trump phenomenon has alienated many independent voters who despise the former president. So, even though many of these

folks don't understand they are empowering progressives, their votes directly lead to the second Tribe's success. So that's the deal. A changing America. Doesn't mean Tribe two will prevail in the long run. But today, they have momentum.

Here's to the New Year

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We are on the verge of welcoming a new year in. I don't know about you, but I will not be sad to see 2022 in the rear-view mirror. Any way you cut it, this year was tough whether it was the economy or the weather. In many ways 2023 can only get better.
 Our sense of optimism is one of the best qualities of agriculture. Each year is a blank slate, a new beginning with endless possibilities. It doesn't matter how bad the last year might have been, this next one is our year.
 It is because we are in the business of nurturing new life each year. If we plant crops, we put seed in the ground with the hope rains will come, the sun will shine and the new growth will break through the soil. We count on two things that we cannot control, rain and sun-

shine. Yet each year we place a small seed in the soil and hope it will sprout, grow and produce grain. If that does not take faith, hope and optimism, I don't know what does.
 If we raise livestock of any species, most of us are responsible for bringing new life into this world. Very little creates more wonder for me than to watch a newborn lamb or calf come into this world. I don't care how many times I witness the miracle of life; it will never get old. The planning and preparation for that moment was months or even years in the making. All the work, all the waiting is worth it in those first few moments. A sense of optimism and hope abounds with all livestock producers this time of the year.
 Hope and optimism are inherent to farming and ranching, it is the one thing we all have to have. We approach each year knowing we need

to feed a hungry world and to do that we need to have help. There is so much of agriculture that we cannot control, and that makes faith in the future so important. We plan and work hard to do all we can, but in the end our livelihood comes down to what Mother Nature decides to do. To keep going each year requires a resolve few others understand.
 That optimism for the future is what keeps each of us going through the bad years and disappointments. It is what makes us so special and why we are the backbone of society. No matter the situation, no matter how bad things might get, we move forward with eternal hope and the knowledge things will get better. I hope that this year will send rains at the right time and sunshine when we need it. I hope the crops are bin busters and your livestock are sleek and fat. Most of all I hope the upcoming year is a

good one. May 2023 bring the best for you with hope that 2024 is even better.

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Highlights of Anderson County news from the past year

January

Jason Sheahan is selected by Garnett City Commissioners to fulfill the unexpired term of Cody Gettler, who passed away in November last year. The Anderson County Review tells readers recurrent problems with U.S. Mail delivery of the newspaper is forcing the company to take a closer look at doing away with the hard copy product and moving to an all digital format. Ron Ratliff of Anderson County Sale Company says he has accepted an offer from Leizler Oil to purchase his property at Park and U.S. 59 for a new convenience store location. Prosecution and defense lawyers are paring their cases in the case of Centerville's Rocky Allen, accused of crashing his truck into his mother's car on a road south of Parker last year and killing her. Local auctioneer Ben Yoder says he plans to fill the void left by the Anderson County Sale Barn by holding a Tuesday morning general merchandise sale at Mundell Outdoors south of Crystal Park at the former location of TLC Auto. The Anderson County Review launches a new statewide conservative podcast on Spotify and Google Podcasts. Witnesses were scheduled in January for the felony preliminary hearing of Tommy Emerson of Garnett, who claims evidence from a search warrant of his residence should be inadmissible because he had a previous relationship with the judge who signed the warrant. William Cockrum, the local man who tried to deny the pants he was wearing belonged to him during a traffic stop and subsequent drug possession arrest in January 2020 is scheduled for a two-day jury trial to begin in early February. A New York-based real estate financial advisory company released home value averages for Kansas this month that estimates Anderson County home values to have increased some 35 percent over the past five years, and ranks average county taxes locally at more than 30 percent over the Kansas median. Garnett city commissioners are pursuing the repair of flood damage at the Cedar Valley Reservoir from 2018 and 2019, but have asked for another proposal on an engineering plan after the estimate for the first company solicited came in at more than \$65,000. Crest Lancers boys team disassembles Chetopa 69-19 in 1A basketball action. Central Heights elementary school teacher Melissa Wilson is recognized with the 2022 Kansas Horizon Award from the Kansas Department of Education. Still fearing Covid-19 and staff and student absences which have forced class cancellations, USD 365 scrubs the live audience at the Anderson County Spelling Bee in favor of live-streaming the event. Rocky Allen's bond is amended to allow him access to 160 acres of land as part of his house arrest restriction so he may move about at a Richmond residence where he's staying pending his trial. Anderson and Franklin counties are lumped into the Third Congressional District in a population realignment plan that some say is a political ploy to dilute the district with more conservative votes in an effort to oust the Democrat Congresswoman Sharice Davids. In response to allegations of voter suppression in the 2020 election, the Anderson County Review offers a free 1-year subscription to any voter in the country who can show evidence that their vote was suppressed. ACHS homecoming candidates are Nathan Schmit, Reese Jarett, Kyle Belsher, Amie Wiesner, Brooklyn Kurtz and Abby Johnston. Top spellers meet at the Covid-restrict county spelling bee, including Dalton Kersley and Kallei Robb from Crest, Brayden Gibson and Tyler Christian from Westphalia, Braylend Hewson and Wyatt Bryan from Greeley, Tyson Banham and Kira Felt from ACJH and Hope Pracht and Ashton Rouse from GES.

February

A former Miami County man charged more than six times since 2005 for violating state laws that require him to register as a sex offender in different localities is awaiting a March hearing, after being released from Anderson County Jail on a personal recognizance bond last November but again failing to register. Garnett Home Center is selected the Garnett

Area Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year award at the annual chamber banquet, Mike Burns received the "Chamber Champion" award, John Helms was the George Clasen Memorial Community Service Award winner and The Anderson County Fair Association was "Organization Of The Year." Wind and solar farms would be banned in more than half of Kansas counties — and made nearly impossible in the rest — under a trio of bills heard in Toepka by legislators last week. Central Heights Winter Homecoming candidates are Kaydance Bond, Taryn Compton, Rylee McCurry, Cameron Peel, Wyatt Bird, Brock Clifton, David Krone and Dominic Lopez. Crest homecoming candidates are Vivian Noah, Lonna Ayers, Lindsey Godderz, Ethan Prasko, Keaton David and Tucker Yocham. Legislators override Governor Kelly's veto to let a new congressional map of Kansas stand, which puts Anderson County in the 3rd District. Garnett officials are doing initial research on an idea to incinerate trash and use the energy to power an electric generator for the utility department, as challenges and higher costs in the refuse department are brainstormed. Passage of property tax legislation introduced by 12th District Senator Caryn Tyson would exempt \$100,000 of the assessed value on residential property from the 20-mill tax used by the state to finance public schools and would result in a savings of some \$150 million annually in property taxes. Anderson County Bulldog wrestler Clarissa Sheahan will be heading to the state tournament in Salina next week as she finished 2nd in her class at Chanute over the weekend, along with male qualifiers Masten Wright and A.J. Shaffer from ACHS and CHHS wrestler Jotham Meyer. Suzanne Guinn of Westphalia, recently published her first book, "Poems of Everyday Life." Sixty-three year-old Barry Weber of Garnett was sentenced to nearly 13 years in prison in connection with 2020 felony child sex abuse charges. A contract bus carrier transporting 21 work release inmates from Topeka to a work project in Iola ran off the road while southbound on U.S. 169 about three miles southwest of Welda about 3 p.m. Saturday and came to rest in a creek; after a tire was repaired the bus was driven from the scene and all passengers accounted for. High winds blow 6 inches of local snow into big drifts in some places and a bare covering of the white stuff in others.

March

After testimony in the hearing collapses and with no other evidence to prove Tom Emerson's allegation of a previous relationship with District Magistrate Kevin Kimball, Anderson County District Court Judge Eric Godderz rules against Emerson's in his felony drug distribution trial that the initial search warrant of his property signed by Kimball should be declared inadmissible. A fire at a Greeley residence takes the lives of two adults and a toddler, but actual identifications of the trio are at first inconclusive. The Crest Lancers edge Marmaton Valley 44-41 in the first round of the 1A Substate Tournament. No one is injured when fire erupts at an apartment house on the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and Walnut near downtown Garnett, destroying the four apartments and contents within it. The plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells in Anderson County will likely get a funding boost due to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill passed late last year, which appropriated some \$58.6 million to seal up an estimated 5,400 oil and gas wells in Kansas. Cornstock books Reckless Kelly, Tylar Farr, Blane Howard to join the Roots & Boots Tour in September with Sammy Kershaw, Collin Rae and Aaron Tippin. Crest High School will play host to the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, a special youth business training program designed to teach kids about entrepreneurship and have their ideas and methods critiqued by local business people and government agency staff. The price of gasoline in Kansas hits a \$3.81 average as prices climb across the country, tapping local drivers wal-

lets for more and more cash. Albert Hinds of Pleasanton is arrested by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation on a terrorism warrant stemming from alleged threatening statements made in December that resulted in the temporary shutdown of the Linn County Courthouse. Years of tapping the City of Garnett's utility revenue surpluses to subsidize other line items in the city budget have depleted those balances, so this spring and amid other headline-grabbing inflationary woes, Garnett will likely see an increase in the cost of electricity — the first rate hike since 2006. A rash of recent property thefts prompt Garnett Police Chief Kurt King to recommend outdoor security cameras for area residents. Garnett leaders will undertake a \$4.4 million replacement and refurbishing project of the city's electrical generators to put them back into good graces with federal regulators and hopefully stave off an emergency blackout in the city in time of need. A federal indictment accuses four men with ties to Russian spy outfits of trying to gain control of U.S. nuclear power plants — one of them the Wolf Creek plant at New Strawn — through cyber sabotage.

April

Identification of remains in the March fire at Greeley reveals the fire killed 28 year-old Savanna Lyons and her three year-old son Alan Joe Tomblin, as well as 32 year-old Chad Likens. Local police are searching for Chris Vandenberg of Paola in connection with a shooting incident on 8th Street in which a home and a number of vehicles were fired upon. Anderson County generates more than \$100,000 annual from renting jail beds to nearby county jails which don't have room for their inmates, but that cash cow may be drying up soon due to other new jails in the region opening soon or in the planning stages. An Anderson County court judge will consider a plea agreement cut between Caleb Foltz of Kincaid and the prosecution that could sentence him to as much as 54 years in prison for two counts of rape of his 13 year-old step daughter. Spiking real estate prices are bringing higher tax appraisals to local properties, with residences showing a median increase of over 26 percent and nearly 7 percent for commercial properties. Brylee Zook is the biggest check winner at the Equifest Breakway Roping competition in Salina with a take-home of \$1,650 after roping two calves in 10.29 seconds in the open competition. After a taunting reply to a Garnett Police Department Facebook post seeking his whereabouts, Chris Vandenberg of Paola will face felony charges in connection with what police say was a rolling gun battle that ended on 8th Avenue in Garnett with shots fired into a vehicle and a house. Garnett wins grant funds to build a fitness park near the Garnett Depot on the Prairie Spirit Trail. Mike Norman is selected as a Top 100 national winner of the 2021 Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award. A study of the nation's 500 largest school districts indicates masking children in school during the Covid pandemic had the opposite effect that proponents hoped, with masked classrooms having four times the number of disrupted learning days and 2.5 times higher Covid case rates during the same period. Les McGhee files for re-election to his 1st District Anderson County Commission seat. The ongoing issue of stray cats in Garnett is leading city officials to examine a trap, neuter & release program (TNR) in town aimed at sterilizing enough of the stray population to effectively lower those numbers over time. After the culmination of a three phase audition process, 2018 ACHS graduate Lexee Feuerborn of Garnett has been selected to the Kansas City Chiefs 2022 Cheerleading Team. Anderson County property owners worried over the tax impact of their recent property valuation increases got some good news in a multi-faceted tax policy bill passed recently that will raise the property value exemption for schools in the state from the present \$20,000 to \$100,000. The Anderson County Review celebrates the 20th anniversary of its local archeology column written by Garnett amateur

archeologist Henry Roeckers — the only such column penned locally and published among the state's newspapers. Local enduro kart racer Bryan Norman wins a first and second place finish at Hallett Raceway in Oklahoma. Students at Greeley Elementary enjoyed an educational visit from Kari Hamilton, an instructor with Southwest Dairy Farmers, and her Jersey cow, Daisy May Blossom. Anderson County's unemployment rate hangs around two percent, and many local employers still say they're short-handed. Repairs on the Cedar Valley Reservoir spillway from 2019's flood damage have to be completed in a year to keep state federal disaster funds, but have to jump through loads of design and engineering requirements. Garnett city leaders are researching the legalities involved in matching some local activities up with changing state liquor laws, including a proposal for wine sampling at the upcoming Business and Professional Women's Square Fair on May 7. The new Beacon of Truth Church project west of Garnett expects completion this summer and has seen steady growth since the Covid lockdowns.

May

Garnett commissioners approve a base charge increase for natural gas from \$6 to \$9 for city customers and prepare for an electric rate increase as well to shore up utility reserve funds commissioners have tapped repeatedly over the years. The City of Garnett is expected to bring up discussions about developing a land bank later this month. Representative for the 9th District Kent Thompson of Iola, who after redistricting now represents most of Anderson County, originally voted against both a bill to protect women's sports against encroachment by male competitors and a "Parents Bill of Rights" bill, when they were initially passed this session by the Kansas House, but Thompson flipped both his votes when both those measures were brought back to the House last week in an attempt by Republican leadership to overturn Governor Kelly's vetoes. Organizers in Garnett plan a big weekend with the Garnett Square Fair coupled with the city's 2022 Air Fair. Anderson County women sought and received only 6 abortions in 2021, but the weight of the August vote for a state constitutional amendment dubbed "Value Them Both" will no doubt intensify the issue locally and statewide with bombshell news last week that the U.S. Supreme Court may be planning to nullify the landmark ruling guaranteeing a constitutional right to abortion in Roe v. Wade. Kwikom Communications acquires Valnet/TelXP, whose predecessor company Terraworld, formerly based in Independence, Ks., first opened broadband DSL service in Garnett and a number of other cities across Southeast Kansas and Northeast Oklahoma in 2002. ACHS Bulldogs win their 16th straight baseball game of the season with a sweep of Santa Fe Trail. The Garnett Public Library presents an art exhibit by Chief Leroy Standingcloud of Garnett. Local retired veterinarian Fred Gardner files to run for the 9th District Representative post in the Kansas Legislature. Local grocery retailers have stocks of Enfamil baby formula available on their store shelves — though they've seen reductions in the amounts they can order in the midst of the recall of another infant formula brand which has caused fears of shortage elsewhere in the country. Governor Laura Kelly signs the bill cutting the state's sales tax on groceries after reports of surplus tax revenues at the state level and a 9 percent inflation rate hitting Kansas residents that has both political parties trying to make election hay out of a cut in the food tax. Gas prices break the \$4 per gallon ceiling locally, the highest prices seen in the area since 9/11, and financiers JP Morgan say prices may hit \$6 by summer's end. A group of locals will meet with Garnett Public Library officials in hopes of having a copy of the transgender memoir "Gender Queer" removed from library shelves over their concerns it depicts child pornography. The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce breaks

with tradition and offers its first-ever Men's Social event in Garnett. With 8.5 percent inflation sapping household budgets, household meal planning is putting a focus on cheaper but still nutritious options like beans, rice dishes and cheaper meat cuts to help save money. Governor Kelly signs open enrollment bill that allows any Kansas student to transfer schools based on the receiving school's capacity. Garnett city commissioners vote 2-1 to establish a Land Bank after a debate about whether rehabilitating delinquent properties should be the responsibility of private interests or local government. As part of its effort to encourage the development of daycare providers locally, the Anderson County Development Agency with the help of the Garnett Public Library has purchased three Child Care Provider Resource Kits for potential new providers with grant funds from Child Care Aware of Southeast Kansas. Rain shortened the state golf tournament last week for Anderson County by a day, but Bulldog golfer Lane Richards shot an opening day 80 which was good for 14th place and earned a medal in the process.

June

Garnett City Commissioners will host a hearing June 14 to consider establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funded redevelopment district that would bring a new Family Dollar retailer to the location of the city's former cheese plant at Park Road and Maple. Mark Locke, Troy Armstrong and Justin Thompson file to run for the seat on the Garnett City Commission that will be left vacant when longtime commissioner Greg Gwin leaves office in January. Arlyn Briggs of Kincaid files to oppose Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt for the Republican nomination for governor. Central Heights Viking softball finished 3rd at the state tournament. Multiple theft charges were filed last week against Marvin Slyter of Garnett after an extensive multi-year investigation into the thefts of numerous pieces of farm equipment and other items from Anderson and other counties. Anderson County plans to sell 32 tracts of property condemned for delinquent taxes at an upcoming tax foreclosure sale. Despite calling the brouhaha surrounding a controversial electric line project that would pass through Anderson County "a circus" and "drama trauma," Kansas Corporation Commission Commissioner Susan K. Duffy voted with KCC Chairman Dwight Keen to allow a ratepayers' lobby group to speak on behalf of landowners and customers at an upcoming hearing. Regional public health officials say beyond the media hype, Monkeypox isn't much of a worry locally. Jenny Myers and Shirley Benjamin of the Garnett chapter of Business and Professional Women were inducted into the Kansas Business and Professional Women's Hall of Fame at the organization's recent state convention. Eighty-three vehicles were entered in the recent Southland Cruisers Car Show on the Garnett Square. Bethany Pows, 2018 graduate of ACHS, wins the "Thresher," Bethel College's highest academic honor. After continued issues with the operation of the city's recreation center, Garnett City Commissioner Jason Sheahan cancels what would have been a "no confidence" vote in rec director Phil Bures after its discussion on social media prompts criticism. High wheat prices and plenty of spring moisture may make for a profitable wheat crop this year if growers didn't contract for lower prices. Arlyn Briggs, who's running for the Republican nomination for governor, is arrested after allegedly threatening members of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department. After only a year at the combined post of administrator for Anderson County Hospital and Allen County Regional Hospital, Saint Luke's officials announced the resignation of Elmore Patterson last week. A ribbon cutting ceremony is held for Garnett's new fitness court north of the Santa Fe Depot. The repercussions for Kansas and its November constitutional amendment vote are thrust into the national spotlight after the U.S. Supreme Court overturns landmark abortion ruling Roe v. Wade,

sending the issue of abortion laws back to state legislatures to decide. A special Garnett Liberty Festival performance of Johnson County teen band Quite Frankly is scheduled in tribute to city commissioner Cody Gettler, who passed away last November. Tourism promoters in Garnett are spreading the word about a cost-sharing program that will pay half the cost of posting local business advertising on highway approaches to Garnett. A special retirement reception is planned for John Helms upon his retirement after nearly 49 years with Garnett's refuse department. Dylan Cole, 2021 graduate of Anderson County High School, was recognized as one of fifteen students to receive the President's Outstanding Freshman award during the recent OU Campus Awards Banquet.

July

Research by The Anderson County Review yields a finding that Ed Fink's 1991 "Pictorial History of Anderson County, Kansas" is likely the only localized pictorial folklore history ever cartooned in any locality in the United States. Garnett commissioner Jason Sheahan apologizes for a recent social media post calling for a no confidence vote in city rec director Phil Bures, calling the action unorthodox. Tom Emerson will plead to a felony count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and a drug paraphernalia charge but have his remaining felonies dropped in a plea deal with prosecutors. Opponents of the book "Gender Queer" schedule an appeal of the Garnett Public Library Board's 4-2 decision to keep the book on library shelves, maintaining their claim the book contains pornography and aims to groom children toward transgender lifestyles. Garnett City Manager Travis Wilson tells city commissioners he's received an alert from the Southwest Power Pool that electricity may be in short supply this summer due to air conditioning needs and lower production from wind farms. The Cherry Mound Community Church dating back to 1880 is destroyed by fire July 4 weekend and the cause is yet to be determined. For at least the second election cycle in a row the Anderson County Democrat Party has no filings for its county party precinct positions and Republicans have less than 10 of 34 possible posts filled. Two major motor events will highlight latter July when Anderson County Fair kicks off its 2022 Anderson County Fair Tractor Pull, and the local Wittman NAPA store sponsors the first-ever night race in Kansas City Karting Association history on the sprint track in Lake Garnett Park. A subsidiary of Japanese industrial giant Panasonic Corp. announces plans to build a \$4 billion plant to make batteries for electric vehicles on the site of a former ammunition plant at the western edge of the Kansas City area, about an hour from Garnett. The 4th Judicial District announces plans to seek an additional magistrate judge for Coffey County after legislation passes to fund more positions in the court system across the state. Garnett commissioners will propose a \$15.9 million 2023 operating budget at an upcoming budget hearing. The number of entries in the Richmond Free fair was up a little over last year at 551, but the number of exhibitors was down a bit at 134. Results of a Co/efficient poll conducted by Five Thirty Eight show Kansans narrowly favor an amendment to the state constitution that says no right to abortion exists in the state's founding document. No less than six Democrats will run in the upcoming primary election for the party nod to contest Senator Jerry Moran as primary season heats up across the state. The Garnett Church of the Nazarene & ECKAN will host a Back-2-School Bash and resource Fair in August as locals ready for the coming school year.

August

Longtime Anderson County Commissioner Gene Higherberger of Westphalia passes away. Everyg uses an unregulated accounting mechanism that authorizes recouping its costs for purchase of power generation fuel and purchased

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power to effectively raise rates up to 22 percent for Kansas customers. President Biden releases gasoline from the federal stockpile, and the price of gas drops some 25 cents a gallon in Kansas to an average of \$3.85. Kathy Schulte wins the 50-inch flatscreen television in the Customer Appreciation Month drawing sponsored by The Anderson County Review and other local merchants. Though 60 percent of Anderson County voters favor its passage, the abortion amendment fails statewide in Kansas due to blue county support and rings as a statement to the rest of the country after the overturn of Roe v. Wade. County attorney Elizabeth Oliver applies for an open judge position in the 5th Judicial District at Emporia. In a move that surprises many pundits Kansas' abortion amendment fails among voters with 61 percent in favor of keep the state supreme court decided right to abortion in the state constitution. A query of 15 of the state's largest school districts by The Sentinel conservative news service finds 11 districts ignore a question as to whether they have reviewed the post-action security report from the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting, and two of the remaining four respond but dodge the question. USD 365 security officer Phil Levota completed the state's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson. The Kansas Attorney General's office is opposing a motion last month to allow accused 2020 vehicular murder suspect Rocky Allen to be released from the GPS monitoring condition of his present bond so he can move to Centerville from a location where he's been residing in Princeton. Even with new "revenue neutral" requirements, Anderson County Commissioners will propose a 2023 budget with \$1 million in new property taxes to county residents at an upcoming budget hearing. Garnett city library board members vote to keep "Gender Queer" in the library without restrictions despite opponent protests. Third District Congresswoman Sharice Davids votes for Joe Biden's controversial \$740 billion "Inflation Reduction Act," continuing her 100 percent voting record favoring Biden initiatives. Contrary to other published reports that said she's conceded the primary race for Kansas State Treasurer, Republican candidate and 12th District State Senator Caryn Tyson said she's still holding out for totals from the final counties involved in her requested recount. Longtime SEK school administrator Angie Linn takes over the principalship at Westphalia and Greeley elementary schools. Kincaid native Jorge Cumplido, Jr., a 2010 graduate of Crest High School, is serving as a part of the nation's nuclear deterrence mission supporting airborne communication links to nuclear missile units of the

U.S. Strategic Command. The late-in-the month thunderstorm that dropped more than two inches of rain on parts of a parched Anderson County spelled relief and maybe benefited the local soybean crop, but analysts say the outcome of the 2022 corn crop is pretty much already known due to the summer's drought. The Kansas Press Association recently announced former Garnett resident David Powls, editor and publisher of The Holton Recorder, as the 2022 recipient of the Clyde M. Reed Master Editor Award for lifetime contributions to the community, the Kansas newspaper industry and the state. One of Garnett's most recognizable faces in community public relations and marketing will retire at the end of September, when Susan Wettstein ends her career spanning 37 years in various positions with the City of Garnett. County Republicans raise more than \$15,000 in a local fund raiser for Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt's campaign for governor. A letter written by Garnett attorney Manford Schoonover and published in the Garnett Journal in 1904 countering a mail order whiskey advertisement became famous in the day, and generated some 75,000 orders for copies of the newspaper.

September

Two August arrests threaten life in prison on charges of child rape for Isidro Madrid, 79 of Colony, and Sean Jackson Williams, 18 of Garnett. Anderson County Commissioners place a plan on hold which would have constructed a new rural fire station on Westgate Road in Garnett, after an engineer's estimate for the project's costs of 1.4 million is far surpassed by the \$1.7 and \$2.7 million estimates they received. A subsidiary of a leading wind turbine field developer in Kansas has received the go-ahead from the Kansas Corporation Commission to do business as a power transmission company in the state, with a project that if approved would run a power transmission line across the southwest corner of Anderson County enroute to a destination in Missouri. Talks between the East Kansas Agri Energy Ethanol plant and the City of Garnett could yield a new local electrical plant that would allow the city and the local ethanol producer to generate a portion of their own needed electricity and sell surplus power back to the regional electrical grid. Saint Luke's Health System announces Jeremy Armstrong, FACHE, has been named Administrator of Anderson County Hospital and Allen County Regional Hospital. Cornstock, Garnett's preminent fall music event, is back on this month after a three-year hiatus due to weather and Covid cancellations. The area chapter of The Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR) made a special display for Constitution Week at the Garnett library which will be on display through September. The City of Garnett is seeking volunteers to serve on eight

city advisory boards that will have vacancies in December of 2022. Tom Emerson's lack of a prior criminal record help him escape jail time when he pleads guilty to two of 13 felony drug charges in Anderson County District Court. City manager Travis Wilson is working with a private contractor to begin archiving the city's social media posts as official city records, in keeping with requirements for other hard copy records held by the city according to the Kansas Open Records Act. With only weeks to go before the 2022 election and in a race most pollsters are calling a dead heat, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly has apparently reversed course on the transgender sports ban legislation she twice vetoed - saying "men should not be playing girl's sports" - then reversing her language again in comments to the Kansas City Star.

October

Ely Burroughs and Bailey Brockus are crowned King and Queen of Central Heights Homecoming. The half-cent sales tax approved by county voters in 2006 to fund bond payments for the Anderson County Law Enforcement Center will be paid off two years early, owing to better than expected sales tax yields as well as revenues from housing out-of-county inmates. A billing error that went on for years involving the company that employs, Greg Gwin, one of Garnett's elected city commissioners, apparently subsidized the company for more than \$21,000 in unpaid electricity, and now city officials are debating over how to handle the debacle. Six year-old Hayzlee McDowell, daughter of Candis McDowell, was the winning entry in this year's contest to name the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Chelsey D'Albini has joined The Anderson County Review as a local historical columnist and features writer. The Garnett Lions Club donated and installed a new bench at the Garnett Tot Lot last week. The sounds of pistons and exhaust are sure to harken back some vintage memories for those attending the Anderson County Flywheelers Gas Engine & Tractor Show in Lake Garnett Park this month. Homecoming King Jack Crane & Queen Emma Schaffer were crowned prior to the ACHS Bulldogs game against Burlington on Friday night. With their recent wins against Southeast and Yates Center, the Crest Lady Lancer volleyball team currently sits at 26 wins on the season with more games still to play and in sole possession of the most wins in a season in school history. A meeting in Iola of regional county commissioners called to discuss zoning setbacks for a 94-mile electric transmission line falls into disarray and is canceled mid stride after members of the public showed up to protest. Brinley McGhee and Stetson Setter are crowned Crest High School Homecoming King and Queen at Friday night's foot-

ball game. Mundell's Outdoors plans a Pumpkin Bash at the former TLC Auto facility south of Garnett with kids games and events and live music entertainment from regional country star Travis Marvin. A former Garnett resident and 1974 Garnett High School grad, Diann (Cox) Hough of Paola, told about her experiences visiting Japan at a recent Richmond United Women in Faith meeting. Garnett sisters Reese and Reagan Witherspoon will represent USD 365 at 3A Kansas State Golf. Garnett's BPW chapter hosts a political forum for local, state and regional candidates. Investigators in Anderson County allege a 79 year-old Isidro Madrid of Colony instigated an ongoing series of rape and sexual assaults against six children at his Colony residence over a 15 year period until last July, when a 12 year-old girl disclosed the alleged attacks to a Kansas City social worker. Dakota Kirkland, 30 of Welda, is killed when the car he was driving plowed into the rear of an equipment trailer turning from U.S.169 onto a gravel road - the first fatality accident to occur on the rebuilt Garnett/Welda stretch of the highway since it reopened in late October 2021. Blake Hess of Garnett has a role in Emporia State University Theatre's production of "Curtains," the 2022 Homecoming musical. A host of local athletes qualify for state cross country in various divisions, including Kyree Puckett, Josie Walter, Peyton Schmidt, and Aubree Allen from Crest; Adam Mell-Tomberlin, Alex Skeet, Brylan Sommer, Cody Hammond, Nicholas Schultze, Owen Miller, Connor Burkdoll, Aidan Howland, Aydan Dunbar, Christian McCord, Alexis Davis, Melaney Chrisjohn, Emma Cubit, Lillie Johnson, Arabella Dunbar, Lillian Coulson, and Skylar Dyerson-Fritchman from Central Heights, and Tucker Nelson from ACHS.

November

After a week that started for Kansas Democrats with damage control over Kansas commerce department funding of organizations promoting drag shows in Wichita, desperation over the Kansas governor's race apparently prompted a prominent Democrat law firm to distribute a mailer attacking Derek Schmidt and promoting former Republican-turned-Independent governor's candidate from Assaria Dennis Pyle. Katie Lybarger, a 2017 graduate of Anderson County High School, coached the Kansas 4-H All Star meat judging team which won the national championship at the American Royal in Kansas City, beating teams from 14 states during the 4-H Meat Judging Contest championship. The Crest Lady Lancers cross country team of Aubrey Allen, Kyree Puckett, Peyton Schimdt, and Josie Walter finish 3rd in the 1A state meet. Central Heights medals Cody Hammond, Connor Burkdoll, Emma Cubit and Melaney Chrisjohn in the top 20 in the Class 2A State Cross

Country Championships held in Wamego on Oct. 29th. ACHS' Tucker Nelson turns in a top 40 finish at the 3A cross country meet. Crest's Ethan Godderz helped his team advance to the 2nd round of the 1A 8-man playoffs with 217 passing yards and 4 touchdowns with 97 yards rushing in a 60-40 win over Norwich. A cornerstone business of the Garnett community gets a new name and new owners last week with the sale of Beckman Motors to Victory Auto Group, but Ray Beckman will stay around for a couple of years during the transition. The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce has announced this year's Grand Marshall for the 51st Annual GACC Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony is local veterans activist Clarence Hermann. Crest Lancer baseball shortstop Stetson Setter, Welda, KS, has been named to the 15th Annual World Power Showcase All-American/World Team. Fred Gardner wins 75 percent of the vote in his bid for 9th District Kansas Representative, Mark Locke emerges from the three-way race for Garnett City Commission, and Republicans lose the governor's race and 3rd District Congressional contest while elected a broad slate of GOP members across the state. The Anderson County Review and various business sponsors kick off its 24th annual Great Christmas Giveaway with a \$1,000 prize. Laverne Howarter celebrates her 100th birthday on November 17th. Crest School recognizes the recipients of the Leadership Award at the last home football game honoring students Stormi Yoder, Hayden Powell, Tatum Caudell, Penny Womelsdorf, Nicole Bain, Bailey Boone, Kroy Walter, Dagon Denny, Kallei Robb, Wyatt Dickerson, Kinley Edgerton, Kayla Hermreck, Kamryn Luedke. Garnett's Orscheln store officially becomes a Tractor Supply location in a \$320 million sale of some, but not all, Orscheln locations. City and county officials may expand the parameters of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program tax rebate program designed to give an incentive to local developers to improve the value of their homes and business buildings and building lots. City staff put some numbers to the trash hauled during the recent Garnett Clean-Up Week and figure it cost the city \$1,900, adding some context to an issue that's become a sticking point between city and county elected officials in recent years as commissioners canceled "free dump week" for county customers. A review by the Kansas Policy Institute shows public school spending seems to have no effect on student performance, and has led to the Sunflower State having one of the lowest "productivity rankings" - a measure of test scores per dollar spent per pupil - in the nation. The decaying condition of many Garnett streets is leading city leaders to the conclusion to buy the town's own street paving equipment and train personnel how to do pavement repair and reinstallation

in order to stave off that deterioration and save costs. Rising energy costs will force the City of Garnett to propose a budget amendment increasing spending some \$600,000 in reserves for electricity and gas expenses to cover cost hikes expected to last at least through the end of 2022. The Garnett Public Library will present a new installment in the Community Gallery. Now through January 6th, 2023, Judy Worrell's artwork will be available to view.

December

Prices for most retail goods will go down a little after this month in Anderson County, with the sunset of the ½ cent sales tax added to the local sales tax total 16 years ago to help pay for the Anderson County Jail. A study of state sales tax by the Anderson County Review shows some rural counties in Kansas seem to be missing the benefits of inflation-spurred consumer prices and the resulting increase in sales tax collections in their localities, while the state overall continues to make a killing on those inflation-driven higher prices. USD 365 school board members approve a \$750 incentive payment to district teachers and staff from the district's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, the second year the Covid incentive has been paid locally. Subpoenas were being returned late last month as witnesses were assembled for an upcoming February preliminary hearing for Kinciad's Arlyn Briggs, accused of threats against Anderson County Sheriff's Department personnel last summer. Eagle Scout contender Carson Wood teams with the Garnett United Methodist Church to build and locate a food pantry box to help locals who may need help acquiring food. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Kansas last week fell to \$2.99, the first time the average is under \$3/gallon since January 18, 2022. Two wood stove-related fires in one week in the county after a recent cold snap has newly-hired county emergency director Mark Locke talking fireplace and wood stove heating safety. AC Bulldog wrestlers finish 2nd at their invitational tournament. Troyers 1883 Restaurant holds a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its recent opening in the 1883 vintage building in downtown Garnett that formerly housed Maloans Restaurant and the former International Organization of Odd Fellows chapter in the 1930s and 1940s. TrustPoint Insurance, based in Burlington and with a Garnett office, announces the acquisition of a Fort Hays firm and an expansion into that market. Garnett's new Family Dollar Store construction is held up waiting for an electrical transformer after supply chain disruptions force delays. An assessment of Garnett's city swimming pools leads to a company estimate of \$2.5 to \$3.5 million to replace the aging facility.

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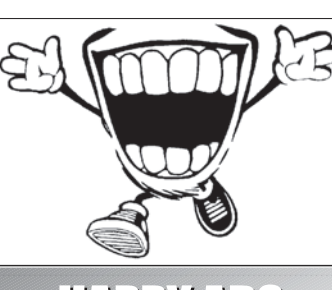
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foreign imports for large electrical transformers.

Until then, Rollins said, crews will be limited to using generators to approach interior finish work, hopefully starting around January 2. When that base interior work is completed, he said crews with Family Dollar would set about configuring the store's interior for the move in and set up of merchandise.

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