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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 12-5-2024 / DANE HICKS

Sunday morning's heavy, frozen fog clings in crystals to a spider's web on the Prairie Spirit Trail south of 1300 Road. Recent chilly temperatures are set to climb into the mid 50s Saturday and Sunday with blustery winds of 14-18 mph.

City to take plunge on sales tax for pool

Decline in collections of sales tax in Garnett may complicate project's math

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Garnett City commissioners plan to repair the Garnett swimming pool with a new filter system estimated to cost \$30,000 to \$50,000, enroute to the investigation of a new city sales tax to pay off a bond issue for major pool improvements or possibly a new City swimming pool.

City manager Travis Wilson broached the topic to commissioners at the city's last commission meeting in November, saying he hoped to get direction regarding the Aging pool facility in time to make plans for this coming summer. Wilson brought up the topic with three options: either doing nothing with the facility and not

reopening it for the summer of 2025, purchasing the filtration system and making no additional plan, or purchasing the system to open the pool this summer and begin investigating bond financing for a major project there.

Commissioner Mark Locke made the motion to fund the immediate repair and begin a study of a sales tax bond to fund a new investment there. He said he understood the pool's importance among the city's recreational offerings but had "mixed emotions" about "dropping a million bucks" on it.

The fragility of the city swimming pool has been a continual issue in the city for the past several years, after staffing delays and concerns about social distancing ended up shutting it down during the Covid summer of 2020, since then multiple City Rec directors

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County broaches "third rail" discussion to reduce rural road grader force to save costs

Continual cost, gear issues make county leaders wonder if less is more

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County Commissioners broached the prickly topic at Monday's meeting of reducing the county's road maintenance force by one driver and one grader machine in order to reduce costs - effectively dropping the grader crew from 8 to 7 and adding miles onto those 7 new grader districts.

That pitch, made by commission chairman and First District Commissioner Les McGhee, received a cool reception amid weeks of discussions with county road supervisor Ethan Lickteig on what seemed like constant equipment breakdowns and costs to repair and replace expensive road

maintenance equipment.

"I know it wouldn't be popular - I understand that," McGhee told Lickteig and commissioners Tony Mersman and Dave Pracht during the commissioners' weekly road department review. "I'll tell you one thing - at \$368,000 for a new machine plus sitting somebody in the seat..." but Pracht was quick to break in.

"Most of the time it looks like maybe you could get by," Pracht said "but I'd say, really, 70-80 percent of the time, I think they're all needed. Lickteig also opposed the idea of reducing the force and expanding the districts.

"I don't know," McGhee said. "There's got to be a more efficient way of doing it." He said he believed the local department did a better job of road maintenance than most of the surrounding counties that were better funded and in some

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ACHS student recognized for role in Honor Flight letters

BY CHELSEY D'ALBINI THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The sun was streaming into the windows at the Dutch Country Cafe on a recent Thursday morning when Leawood resident Christopher Crowley walked in.

His white button-down shirt was spotless, and his leather vest, which was full of patches and his attire stood out from the standard attire of the other patrons. He was in town to give something back to Garnett - primarily his thanks to the community and the hosts who recently escorted the Vietnam veteran on a Heartland Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He was in Garnett, adorned with all his patches and colors to give back to a school that gave something to him and his brothers that he'll likely never forget - a "mail call" initiated by ACHS senior Alyssa Scott and executed by her classmates honoring them during the day set aside solely to honor their service.

Scott met Crowley last May, when he was part of the Kansas City contingent of an honor flight that also included Scott's grandfather Clarence Herrmann of Garnett. Crowley was so moved by the experience he wanted to be able to share it with all the survivors of his old unit from Vietnam - a "Dust Off" flight unit he'd served with in Southeast Asia.

Crowley volunteered to serve the Merchant Marine before the outbreak of the Vietnam War. When

American involvement became eminent, Chris enlisted and volunteered to fly Dust-Off missions - flights into hot zones to pick up wounded soldiers for transport back to field hospitals. He went to flight school at Ft. Wolters, TX, and underwent additional training at Ft. Sam Houston before being deployed back to Vietnam as an Aircraft Commander in a Huey H1 Helicopter. He would fly more than 1,000 missions before coming home.

Dust Off crews flew into the jungle, under fire, picked up anyone in need, and flew back out. Over. And over. And over again.

When his May 2024 Honor Flight returned home to a raucous cacophony of sound inside the new Kansas City Terminal, he thought of his brothers in the 159th Dust-Off Unit and how they needed to feel what he had felt in being part of the honor flight experience.

In September, Chris got the chance to give that experience to his brothers. Seven other men from across the country flew into Kansas City for the opportunity to fly back out together as a group from the same life-saving unit on an Honor Flight. They came in from Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Texas, and even from a Washington, D.C. suburb to experience Heartland Honor Flight together. All of them, in various stages of disease and infirmity, some from apparent exposure to Agent Orange, came together in the hopes that this would not

be their last trip together but determined to experience it all together in case it was.

That damp September day, Chris strolled through Washington, DC, with a group of men closer than brothers.

He stood in the shadows of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall with men who he flew helicopters with, looking at names that were not able to be saved. He got the chance to share his Honor Flight experience with men he considers to be his heroes. He watched his best friend place the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. And when it came time for the Mail Call, Chris knew what his brothers were in for - a raft of letters from Anderson County Jr/Sr High School.

In the last several years, local school kids have written letters for the veterans of Heartland Honor Flight, beginning with a veteran who, had Anderson County High School not stepped in to write, would have received no personal mail during this moving segment of

the trip.

This year, the Anderson County High School Junior Class got a return message for all those letters sent in the form of a visit. Chris Crowley came to see the junior class to offer them his thanks.

When he arrived at Anderson County Jr/Sr High School, he was greeted by a walkway adorned with American flags set up by Paola Legion Rider Post 156, set up by local volunteer Troy Hart. Chris was welcomed enthusiastically by American History Teacher Marty Alley and escorted into the school by Scott, who also volunteers with Heartland Honor Flight Volunteer.

The junior class populated the quiet auditorium, anxiously waiting to hear from the man who

helped facilitate his brothers' attendance on the September flight and who shared their passion for others. They learned additional information about what Chris did while serving in Vietnam, heard anecdotal stories about his brotherhood.

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The Garnett Lions Club entry won first place in Saturday's Garnett Area Chamber of Christmas Parade. See more parade results on Page 12 of today's Review.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VFW BREAKFAST

VFW Post 6397 will have breakfast Sunday, December 15, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett will be held every Tuesday, starting time at 6:30 p.m.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS

Everything Thursday their will be a cornhole tournament at the Garnett VFW, 1507 S. Elm St. It is a family friendly event open to everyone. Registration begins at 6 p.m., tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$15.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center in Overland Park helps women and their families make an educated decision about an unplanned pregnancy by providing evidence-based, medical information about parenting, adoption and abortion. Call (913) 962-0200 or visit www.adviceandaid.com.

PANCAKES WITH SANTA

The Garnett Lions Club and VFW Post will host Santa Claus and area children from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for free pancakes and one-on-one time with the Jolly Ole' Elf. A Christmas party will also be held at the VFW Hall at 4:30 p.m. for kids featuring treats and gifts, with a possible re-visit by Santa for the afternoon event. Both events are free and open to the public.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on November 25, 2024 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

County Auditor

Rodney Burns, Auditor, met with the commission. He reviewed the 2023 audit with the commissioners. There were no violations. Rodney presented a 2026 budget preparation contract for \$1,400 and 2024 audit engagement letter for \$17,300. The Commissioners signed the contracts.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Greg Stiles with Scottwood Industries was present to discuss dust control. He would like the opportunity to bid dust control in 2025. The county had used Scottwood Industries in the past but moved to a different company in 2024. Ethan gave an update on the equipment that is in the shop. Discussion was held on county roads.

Economic Development

Jessica Mills, Economic Development Director, met with the commission. She gave an update on the projects that she has going on such as moving the Overland Park pavilions, lighting at the go kart track at the north lake, road projects in small cities, and neighborhood revitalization programs. The neighborhood revitalization program for Kincaid needed to be finalized by the commissioners by resolution. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2024-20 authorizing the adoption by the governing body of the City of Kincaid, Kansas, the Board of County Commissioners of Anderson County, Kansas and the Board of Education of U.S.D. #479 of the certain plan of the city of Kincaid, Kansas to designate all land within said city as a neighborhood revitalization area; establishing

a neighborhood revitalization fund by the City of Kincaid, Anderson County, Kansas, and the Board of Education fo U.S.D. #479; and authorizing the city of Kincaid, Kansas, Anderson County, Kansas, and U.S.D. #479 to enter into an interlocal agreement. All voted yes.

Gades Sales Inc

Nik Soto, salesman, met with the commission. He introduced the Commissioners to the products Gades Sales Inc sold such as traffic lights, lighted stop signs, and road markers. He wanted them to have his contact information should the county ever decide to use that product or need that service.

Panic Alarm System

Mark Locke, Emergency Management Director, and Wes McClain, Undersheriff, met with the commission. Discussion was held on the panic alarm system. The departments will work together to make sure the distress call will go straight to the officers' radios instead of through dispatch.

Adjourn

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

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS

Stephen R Yutzky to Jabez Investments LLC: A tract of land in s2 30-21-18, described as follows: Beg at secor 30-21-18, thence north 2520 feet to south r/w line of missouri pacific railroad; thence in a generally southwesterly direction along south r/w line of said railroad 5744 feet to pt of intersection with west section line of said section 30; thence south 550 feet to swcor said section 30; thence east 1 mile to pob.

Clayton Barnhardt, Brittany Barnhardt and Brittany Flora F/K/A to Caleb Heck and Kristina Heck: A tract of land in w2 nw4 beg 500 feet east of center of bridge existing on september 20, 1983, thence east 400 feet, thence south 544.5 feet, thence west 400 feet, thence north 544.5 feet to pob; all in 18-20-18 & com at nwcor nw4 18-20-18, thence east along section line on a record bearing of south 89°27'43" east a distance of 542.01 feet; thence south 00°32'17"

west a distance of 515.21 feet to true pob; thence south 39°17'23" west along an existing fence 221.50 feet; thence south 03°49'01" west along said fence a distance of 140.78 feet; thence south 89°27'43" east a distance of 546.70 feet; thence north 00°32'17" east a distance of 284.00 feet; thence north 89°27'43" west a distance of 400.00 feet; thence north 00°32'17" east a distance of 29.29 feet to true pob; said tract contains 3.34 acres, subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

Nickole Marie Hobson, Nickole Marie Nakonechny and Jacob Ryan Hobson to Kelsey Miller and Lance Miller: Beg at pt 6 rods west of swcor sw4 sw4 20-19-21, thence running north 194.53 feet; thence east to r/w of hwy 169, thence southwesterly along said r/w to south line of sw4 section 20, thence west along south line of said quarter to pob; & also com at nwcor 29-19-21, thence south 30', more or less to pt on line with center of hedge fence on north side of said quarter section; thence east along center of said hedge fence 74 rods, thence north 16 feet more or less, to south line of section 20-19-21, thence west along north line of said section 29, 74 ords to pob; & also com at swcor sw4 20-19-21, thence east 74 rods, thence north 194.53 feet, thence west 74 rods, thence south 194.53 feet to pob; & except: com at swcor sw4 20-19-21, thence east 550', thence north 194.53 feet; thence west 550 feet, thence south 194.53 feet to pob; & also except: com at nwcor 29-19-21, thence east 550 feet, thence south 23 feet 8 inches, thence southwesterly to pt 30 feet south of pob, thence north 30 feet to pob.

Charles Jordan Ward and Charles Jordan Ward A/K/A to Charles Jordan Ward: All lots 4, 5, 6 & 8 blk 41; & all los 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 blk 56 City of Colony, except that portion in blk 56 condemned for hwy r/w, being that portion of lots 1, 2, 3 & 7 lying south and east of line drawn from the swcor lot 7 to necor lot 1; & lots 1, 2 & 3 blk 60 City of Colony; & beg 4' south of necor lot 11 in blk 53, thence south 46' to secor lot 12 blk 53; thence west 30' on south line of lot 12; thence northeast to pt 17' west of secor lot

11; thence north 21', thence east 17' to pob; together with all of lot 13 in blk 53 all in City of Colony; & lot 1 blk 36 City of Colony.

Carol Jane Hiestand to Jesse Linzay and Lauryn Linzay: Beg at pt 2240' west & 880' south of necor ne4 25-20-19, thence east 376', thence south 330', thence west 476', thence north 330' to pob; being lots 100 to 107 inclusive blk 9 & lots 100 to 119 inclusive blk 20 with streets and alley abutting thereto, in what was formerly Orchard Park Addition to City of Garnett, together with all of grantor's interest in vacated streets and alleys abutting thereto, except n2 lot 112 & 113 in blk 20 together with vacated alley and street in what was formerly Orchard Park Addition to City of Garnett, being located in ne4 25-20-19.

Matthew Lutz, Matthew D Lutz A/K/A, Melissa C Lutz, Edward B Halstead and Carmel B Halstead to Caleb Huff: Beg at secor sw4 33-19-20, thence north 58 rods to center of creek; thence in northwesterly direction with channel of creek to pt 55.6 rods west of east line of said sw4 section 33; thence south approximately 76 rods to south line of said quarter section; thence east 55.6 rods to pob.

Theresa S Collins, Theresa Collins A/K/A and Michael Huelskamp to Bryan Collins and Crystal D Carey: W2 se4 35-20-20 less beg at swcor said quarter section, thence north 10°37' east 160 rods, thence south 29°45' east 26.60 rods, thence south 13°15' east 24.60 rods, thence south 22°45' east 24 rods, thence south 27°30' east 21.42 rods, tehnce south 40°30' east 33 rods, thence south 31°30' east 40.52 rods, thence west 55.48 rods to pob; & beg at swcor 36-20-20, thence north 424 feet, thence east 210 feet, thence south 424 feet, thence west 210 feet to pob; & beg again at swcor said section 36, which is identical with secor 35-20-20, thence west 1016 feet, thence north 424 feet, thence east 1016 feet, thence south 424 feet to pob; all in 35-20-20; containing a total in the 2 sections 11.9 acres.

Theresa S Collins, Theresa Collins A/K/A and Michael Huelskamp to Jeffery L Collins: Beg at swcor se4

6-21-21, thence north 396.4'; thence east 237', thence south 119', thence east 154.6', thence south 267.5' to section line, thence west 373' to pob.

Donna K Hermreck, Donna K Walker F/K/A and Ronald Hermreck to Matthew D Lutz and Melissa C Lutz: Lot 5 blk 1 Westwood Acres Addition to City of Garnett.

Safe Haven Residential Center LLC to Daniel W Vredenburg Jr: Lot 1 and 2 in block 9 in Pinegar's Second Addition to the City of Colony.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On November 10, a vehicle driven by Joel Daniel Hoffman, Minnetonka, Minnesota, was traveling south on US 59 Hwy near 1400 Rd when he hit a vehicle that entered the roadway.

On November 13, a vehicle driven by Amber Michelle Moore, Williamsburg, was traveling north on US 169 Hwy in the area of 2100 Rd when a deer ran from the ditch striking the front of the vehicle.

On November 14, a vehicle driven by Ortiz Irving Madrigal, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was traveling westbound on US 59 Hwy when the vehicle struck a deer causing the deer to go into the eastbound lane.

On November 14, a vehicle driven by Cassie Danielle Morrison, Kincaid, was traveling south on US 59 Hwy when she struck a deer.

On November 15, a vehicle driven by Robert Lee Randall, Shawnee, was traveling north on US 59 Hwy when he struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On November 16, a vehicle driven by Tyler Lane Lewis, DeSoto, was traveling south on US 59 Hwy 0.5 miles north of SE 800 Rd when a deer entered the roadway and was struck.

On November 17, a vehicle driven by Jorge Cumplido, Kincaid, was traveling east on 300 Road near 19385 SW Missouri Road when the driver struck a deer.

On November 17, a vehicle driven by Kitten Marie Goodrich, Kincaid, was traveling southbound on Osage Rd in Kincaid when she collided with a pedestrian that was biking eastbound on 4th Street.

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ROADS..

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cases even had fewer miles of roads. Still, costs for equipment and problems in recent years staffing drivers were daunting.

Commissioners estimated a reconfiguration of road maintenance districts would add 10-15 miles to each reorganized district.

Commissioners have been hampered by increasing costs particularly in the road department for the past several years as inflation drove fuel, equipment and parts prices higher. The commission approved a \$239,000 increase for the road department in the 2025 budget, topping the department out at a record \$3.9 million total spending outlay - nearly a 30 percent increase since 2021 and nearly 25 percent of the county's \$15 million budget for next year.

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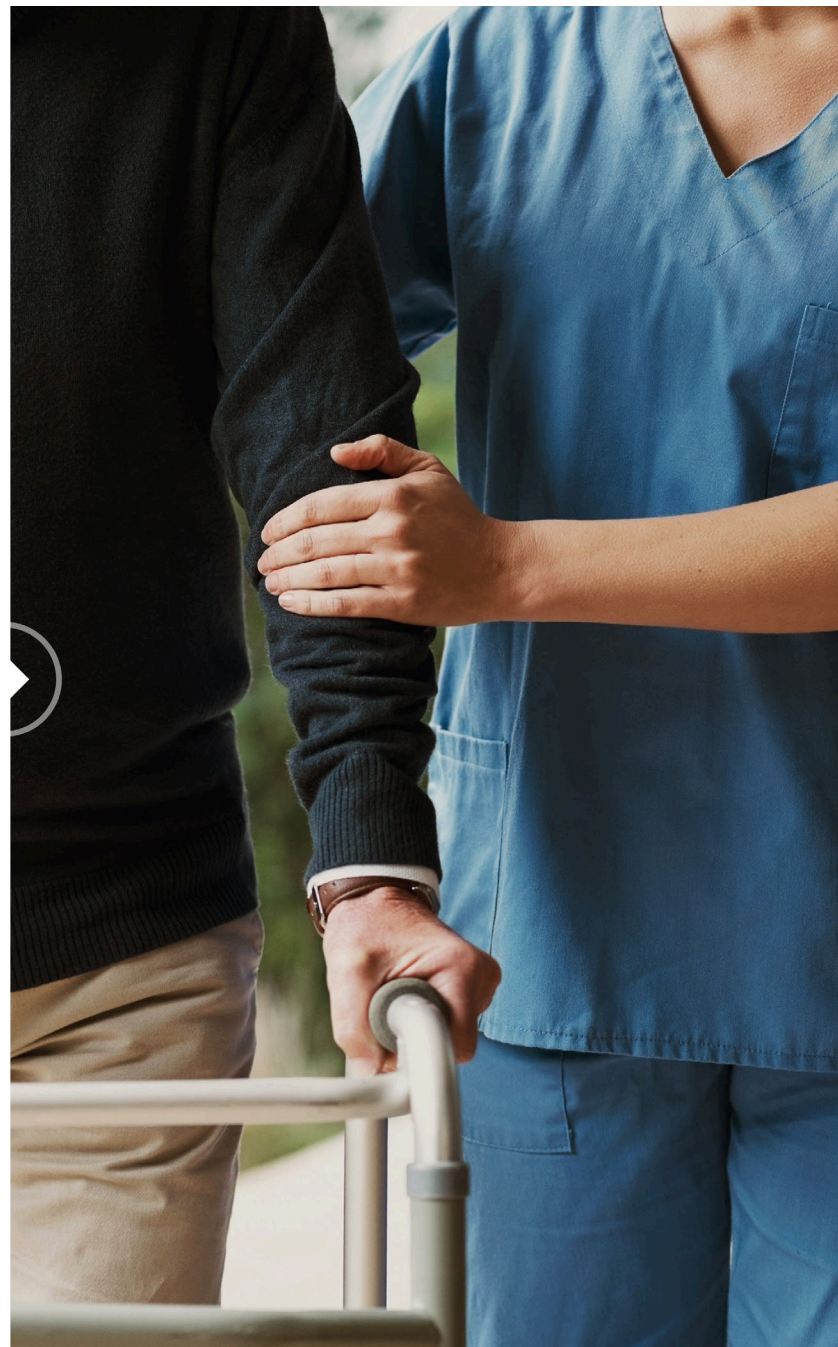
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AUGUST 20, 1936 — NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Loydene M. West, age 88, of Osawatomie, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Vintage Park at Osawatomie in Osawatomie, Kansas.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the First

Christian Church in Garnett, Kansas. Loydene's family will greet friends from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM prior to the service. Burial will take place at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at the Veterans Cemetery in Winfield, Kansas.

BEACHY

JANUARY 14, 1955 — NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Martha Beachy, age 69, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on November 25, 2024, at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab Facility, Richmond, Kansas.

Funeral Services will take place on Friday, December 6th, 2024, at 10:30 A.M., at Garnett

Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at the Amish Cemetery, Garnett, Kansas. Martha's family will greet friends on Thursday evening, December 5th, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett, Kansas.

HONOR...

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He told them what it meant to have all the letters written by their hands to be given to men they would likely never meet. He thanked them for thinking of others.

The discussion turned to the Congressional Gold Medal he wore around his neck. The class learned that Congress awards it and must have approval of both houses of Congress. They discovered that the first of the less than 200 Congressional Gold Medals ever awarded was to George Washington for his defense of Boston in 1776. They learned this honor was recently given to the Dust-Off Crews of Vietnam per bill S.2825, which landed on the President's desk the day Chris and his brothers were in Washington, DC, for Honor Flight. He spoke about it being the first given to any military unit since the end of World War II. He talked about the number of volunteers who lobbied Congress to pass the legislation to award it. He spoke about the importance of receiving the medal because it can open the door to healing for more Vietnam Veterans. And

then, he got to award an honoree copy of the medal to ACHS Senior Alyssa Scott.

While thinking of others, Chris thought about a seventeen-year-old girl who took time out of her last fall Homecoming week. He thought about all the time it took to plan and facilitate the plane schedules of the men scattered across the nation. He thought about the time she took to help cook them dinner while they were all in Kansas City. He and his brotherhood, etched on the back of one of the most prestigious honors they could have ever received, Alyssa Scott Honoree 159th Dust-Off.

When Chris walked out of Anderson County Jr/Sr High School, he smiled from ear to ear. "I can't wait to tell the guys about this. I wish we could copy and paste this for all of them." Chris came to thank a group of teenagers, who greeted him warmly and expressed their thanks, who left him nearly speechless. All he could think about was his brothers, and he was grateful for the opportunity to cross paths with a certain ACHS Senior.

Chelsy D'Albini is a freelance writer for The Anderson County Review, an Anderson County

Colony Christian Church - "Will you say yes to Christmas?"

Lexy Langworthy led worship this week accompanied by Ben and Ethan Prasko on keyboard and percussion. Songs were "Goodness of God," "Lion and the Lamb," "You are My All in All" and "Nothing But the Blood."

Bruce Symes gave communion meditation over Isaiah 9:6 being the center of all prophecy. All of the attributes listed in this scripture were perfectly and precisely filled by Jesus Christ. His wise counsel never failed to provide what was needed because He alone knew if a tender approach was needed or a rebuke. This time of advent is an opportunity to confess, repent and accept the free gift of salvation made possible that first Noel when the birth of Christ altered human history.

Pastor Chase Riebel gave a Christmas Invitation sermon titled "Will You Say Yes to Christmas?" Gabriel invited Mary. She said yes and brought forth a son. An angel invited the shepherds. They said yes and shared the message. A star in the East invited the wise men. They said yes and brought gifts. We are invited to celebrate the birth of Christ this advent and say yes to allowing Him to be our Savior whose presence we will live in forever.

Colony will have a Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. on December 7th.

What is awaiting you?

In Matthew 7:16, Jesus says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." So what does the wide gate and the broad road look like? Jesus doesn't elaborate but simply says, it leads to destruction. There are several levels of destruction. One might not see a need for God in their life, they are quite satisfied. Destruction can come in the form of a lust for power, alcohol or drug abuse, pornography, the pursuit of money and on and on. Anything that controls us at the expense of our relationship with Jesus is destructive. Disturbingly the passage states many people reside in that trap.

The Hebrew word for destruction is Abaddon, which is the abode of the dead or the grave. One has to ask, how can so many people get trapped in this existence? The simple answer is their mind is held captive by one of the destructive elements above.

On the other hand Jesus talks about the alternative to this when he says, "But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life and only a few find it." A misconception exists here because those who choose this path are often

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

viewed as weak, unable to make decisions for themselves. Know this, it takes no strength to give into a destructive force, however, a tremendous amount of strength is required to resist this kind of temptation. The Apostle Paul addresses this in 2 Corinthians 12:10 when he says, "That is why for Christ's sake I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." Living a destructive lifestyle will leave us searching at the end of our life, however we will never find what it is we are searching for because God does not exist on the broad road. The best we can do is to try to be happy with the choice we made instead of Jesus. Not surprisingly many people are happy with their decision, not realizing that only destruction awaits them.

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Kelly's PAC spends more, wins less

Governor Laura Kelly's celebrated "Middle of The Road" political action committee, christened with the mission to support "moderate" candidates for Kansas office in last month's election, raised more money, spent more money, and lost more races than any other filers among last-minute campaign reports released recently.

While "moderation" was the operative theme in Kelly's campaign support effort, campaign finance reports filed by candidates for Kansas office showed those donations only went to Democrats – and without much success overall in an election that saw Republicans strengthen their veto-proof majority in the Legislature.

Regular Political Action Committee (PAC) campaign finance reports were due on Oct. 28 covering activity through Oct. 24, but any contribution to a PAC of \$300 or more, or any independent expenditure of \$300 or more, for the period Oct. 25 through Nov. 3, had to be part of a "last minute" filing before the Nov. 5 election.

Considerable money was reported this year in "last minute" reports. How might these reports reflect what happened in the overall Kansas Senate and House races? Per election, Kansas Political Action Committees can give up to \$1000 to a Senate candidate, but only \$500 to a House candidate. But PACs have no limits on their independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates.

Kelly's Middle of the Road PAC spent \$89,518 in last minute expenditures in losing five senate contests, while Keep Kansas Red PAC spent \$7,353 to win all five of those.

Huge amounts of money were spent earlier in these contests by these and other PACs, which will be the subject of a future article.

The Senate District 5 race was very close in unofficial results but the Sunflower State Journal reports "Klemp emerges victorious in narrow District 5 race."

Other Senate contests above were in Johnson County where official final results are available online.

The State of Kansas certified statewide election results on Monday but has not posted them online as of this writing.

In three contests PACs spent money for and against candidates. In two of those cases the Lift Up Kansas PAC spent money both to support the winning candidate and to oppose the losing opponent.

In House District 102 incumbent Jason Probst saw two PACs spend money supporting his opponent and one PAC spending on a negative ad against him.

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Negative ads worked in all three cases. Republicans prevailed in 17 of the 18 contests.

Only Democrat Nikki McDonald won a "last minute" battle. But she won Johnson County House District 49 by a mere 148 votes.

Three Johnson County Commissioner candidates benefited from "last minute" independent expenditures by the Amberwave PAC. JoCo Board Chair of County Commissioners Mike Kelly is the spokesperson for this PAC even though he is not the PAC chair or treasurer. These "last minute" expenditures were to help the slate of Democratic candidates running for county commission seats. In the regular PAC report filed on Oct. 28 Amberwave reported spending over \$30,000 on each of the three Democratic candidates, which dwarfed the "last minute" expenditure. Incumbent Republican County Commissioner Charlotte O'Hara blamed her loss on the Amberwave expenditures to help her opponent, Julie Brewer.

Republicans PACs fared well in their "last minute" expenditure performance based on election results. The Lift Up Kansas PAC and the Right Future for Kansas PAC won 100% (6 of 6 and 5 of 5) of the contests they made independent expenditures in, while Keep Kansas Red PAC was close behind with 85% (12 of 14). The Kansas Chamber PAC won 83% (5 of 6). Yes We Kansas PAC won 14% (1 of 7) of its contests.

Gov. Laura Kelly's Middle of the Road PAC did not win any contests; MOTR was 0 of 9.

Not a year for "moderation," I guess.

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The extra large American flag flying in front of Patriots Bank on Maple Street is a beautiful site. Thank you Patriots Bank. God bless America.

For the folks who voted for Trump and were so glad that he won, at the end of his term of office will they question what they had done?

So let me get this straight: The dust control company hired to do the county's work stiffed the county for two years costing the county thousands and now they say I'm sorry and the commissioners are letting them bid again? Does this mean that us landowners cannot pay taxes for two years and then say I'm sorry and everything will be okay? I'm glad we are getting new blood in the commissioner's office come January.

Word of warning to the Garnett council after their meeting with the NextEra fellow selling 30 year contracts for electricity to the Ninescah solar farm. They're pushing to get you signed up by the end of the year because they know Trump's going to lower the boom on wind and solar when he takes office and projects that aren't locked down are probably not going to get any more tax credits, and if that happens you can kiss wind and solar goodbye. Don't support a company that's so destructive to the communities of Kansas and don't sign up for 30 years for anything. Thank you.

I'd like to suggest a replacement yard sign for the "Harris Walz Obviously" one. "Hunter Pardoned Obviously" would be perfect.

Congratulations to the Garnett Lions Club on their parade winning float! We are so blessed to have a wonderful club like this in our small town. Your hard work contributing so many things that we use in our community over the years deserves a great big thank you as well!

If you're surprised Hunter got a pardon from daddy going all the way back to 2014 to cover the whole Burisma influence buying scam in order to protect Joe, I've got a bridge in Brooklyn I want to sell you.

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Tired of woke mush, parents seek classical education

The growth of classical education schools is astonishing.

The numbers keep rising; there is no sign that the movement is beginning to plateau. Schools open, networks are created, charters are authorized, and kids fill the seats. One would think that as more spaces are available the (supposedly) small number of parents who favor the classical way would be satisfied and demand would diminish.

How many Americans want their children to study Latin, read the Old and New Testaments, and appreciate the High Art of the Renaissance? Couldn't be too many, say intellectuals and educators on the left. Those enlightened practitioners can't help assuming that a classical curriculum should turn people off, given the half-century of multiculturalist criticism of Western civilization and American exceptionalism, but apparently the long campaign to kill respect for the old lineage hasn't succeeded.

A prime example: Valor Education is a network of five schools in Texas. The first one opened in Austin in 2018, a charter school squarely in the classical mode. Two years later, school leaders saw enough local interest to open another school in Austin, then in 2022 a school in Kyle, and in 2023 schools in Leander and San Antonio. The numbers now: 4,200 enrolled in the five campuses and 5,500 on the waitlists.

Part of the attraction of Valor campuses is the free tuition, to be sure, but public schools are free too. Valor doesn't screen students for background or ability, so anyone can apply and have an equal chance of admission. The real draw, however, is the curriculum, which is certainly

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not geared to a no-child-left-behind attitude that ends up lowering standards so that, indeed, no child is left behind.

Valor speaks forthrightly of Great Books. It requires students to memorize poetry, learn Latin, and study the fine arts. In 8th grade, students read Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Tom Sawyer, and The Merchant of Venice. Two years before, they read William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. In 12th grade, it's Dante and Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Another example is Alberta Classical Academy in Calgary, which was authorized as a charter school in January 2022 and started in August of that year. Caylan Ford, one of the founders, says that they had to pass out fliers, circulate at the Calgary Stampede, and reach out to local churches in order to recruit because the idea of a charter classical school was unknown in the region. The building could

handle 280 kids, and in the spring Ford worried that they wouldn't reach nearly that number. But on day one, 294 students had signed up, many of them Nigerian Christians worried about safety and wokeness in the public schools. In its second year, a campus opened in Edmonton and enrollment tripled, with 2,000 kids on the waitlist. This year, Alberta Classical has 1,300 students. The curriculum shows the same rigorous classical focus as Valor. Mandatory Latin begins in 5th grade, there's an Ancient Greek Club and a Mandarin Club, and 9th grade readings include Shakespeare, George Orwell, and Marcus Aurelius.

The readings are daunting, especially in an age of screen-induced aliteracy, but it's exactly what thousands of parents want for their kids. If we showed the Valor and Alberta curricula to a public school instructor not long out of ed school and well-trained in leftist dogmas, that teacher would shake her head in disbelief.

To ask kids to memorize classic poems and speeches is to turn youths into automata, she believes. Rote memorization has no place in active learning, she's been told. And Great Books are wholly age-inappropriate — few kids can handle them. The list is too dead-white-male, Eurocentric, and obsolete. Why sink kids into writings with no relevance to contemporary affairs and 21st-century identities?

It's a tiresome response that has prevailed in orthodox education spaces for 50 years. Conservatives and traditionalist liberals, however, have struggled to refute it. I have sat in many education meetings and witnessed a

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Let's face it: Elon and his rockets are so amazingly cool

At his Madison Square Garden event a week before the election, Donald Trump went on an extended riff about the famous "chopstick" maneuver of Elon Musk's Space X.

In describing his slack-jawed amazement at watching the feat -- the first stage of a Starship rocket returning to the launch tower upon coming back to Earth -- Trump spoke for all us.

The various videos of the operation that witnesses have posted online never get old. It's not just the technical achievement -- the joyous awe of spectators is itself wonderful to behold.

The other day, President-elect Trump took time off from forming his new administration to travel to South Texas with Musk to observe another test launch of Starship, and why not? Rockets are an enduring object of human fascination, and Space X is bringing an appropriate sense of brio to one of mankind's coolest ventures.

Modern rocketry is the product of a couple of centuries of human thought and ingenuity, from the 13th century when the Chinese used "arrows of flying fire" to fight the Mongols, to Newton's 16th century work on laws of motion, to the experiments of Robert Goddard early in the 20th century, to the advances driven by World War II and the Cold War, to, of course, the Apollo missions to the moon.

A rocket launch is literally spectacular. It is a feast for the eyes and an assault on the ears, as a tall, thin projectile is, after a controlled explosion, propelled upward on a raging plume of fire.

The iconic 1969 launch of Apollo 11 on the sleek, instantly recognizable Saturn V rocket

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emblazoned with the words "United States" in red lettering remains a thing of beauty, and an unmatched symbol of 20th century technological achievement.

A rocket is otherworldly in more than one sense. A car can be analogized to a horse. A plane can be analogized to a bird. A rocket is like nothing in nature. And it promises to take us to worlds beyond our own, whether outer space, or the moon, or, if Musk can achieve his ambitions, Mars.

There is an inherent risk to the enterprise, making it even more compelling. The countdown of mission control always holds a certain drama, and the announcement of "liftoff" always carries a justified tone of triumph.

Space X's chopstick operation had a little of all of this. The returning rocket stage looked like a Roman candle flying in reverse, and it

created visible -- and then audible -- sonic booms as it descended. It represented a new frontier in human achievement, since such a thing had never been done before. And, as it hovered above the tower, the success of the test remained in doubt, until it nestled in the metal arms of the tower.

In engineering terms, it was a virtuoso performance -- like watching a skater land a quadruple axle.

It looked and felt like the future. When Musk was with Trump in Texas and demonstrated how the latest Starship test would work with a model in his hand, he looked every bit a boy smitten with the adventure of rocketry and eager to share his enthusiasm.

That, in large part, is what Musk is, but no one should mistake the seriousness of his achievements. For all that rockets are supposed to be cutting edge, there was a decades-long period of stagnation in launch costs until Musk came along and revolutionized the business with his entrepreneurial mindset. Now, launch costs have radically diminished and Musk alone operates 10 times more satellites than any other country or company, according to Ars Technica.

The tests of Starship, the world's largest and most powerful rocket, are the latest iteration of Musk's approach of rapid innovation toward the goal of sending men to the moon again, and then Mars. It is an expression of a basic human instinct for exploration and adventure, with the rocket as its symbol and vehicle.

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Final finds from Capper site

On Oct. 3, 2024 I spent my last day of metal detecting at the Arthur Capper boyhood home site. As a matter of fact I spent a portion of my morning and my afternoon there. The first three artifacts I found in the morning.

#1 - A brass button, missing its back plate. This button shows signs of being gold gilded at one time

#2 - This a really nice early military brass button shows. It was manufactured in Scoville, N.Y.

#3 - Someone lost their brass boot or shoe heel cap.

The next 4 finds were from my afternoon search.

#4 - A very large hand wrought square nail.

#5 - Isn't this a very ornate

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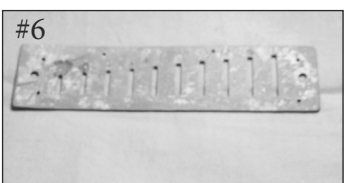
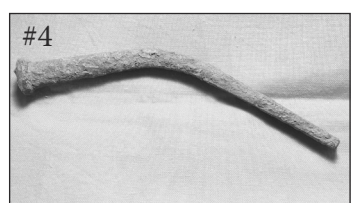
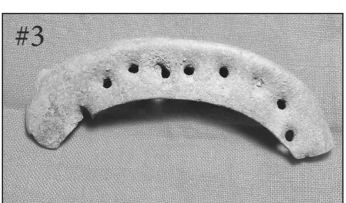
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brass buckle. It is from the late 1800's-early 1900's.

#6 - This is a brass reed from an early harmonica.

#7 - This quite large brass artifact, still has everyone guessing as to what it is or was used for. Any ideas?

Respectively submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 25Nov2024



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Circa December 2011 - Pictured are 4th grade students from Garnett Elementary performing their winter concert. Pictured front row, from left: Amber Clark, Jesse Odom, Kristen Simpson, Jacob Trumbley, Macy Davison, Parker Griffin. Second row: Bailey Whitcomb, Ashley Kaufman, Joanna Read, Brandy Grimes, Natalie Battenfield. Third row: Cheyenne Meineke, Kevin Weirich, Lauren Egidy, Lane Logan, Merrick Brown. Fourth row: Holly Magee, Catherine Miller, Kacey Coffelt, Makenzie Lutz, Cassidy Lutz.

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few dissenters, myself included, attempt a reply and persuade nobody. But times have changed. We no longer have to argue against the leftist outlook in order to justify Valor education and other classical initiatives. The parents do that for us. They have voted with their feet. To educators who object to the conservative thrust of classical education, we can say, "Don't criticize us — blame the parents."

We are in a happy situation, a stronger one that followed the inauguration of charter schools and Washington-led efforts such as No Child Left Behind. Classical education isn't a logistical innovation or a testing regime. It's a positive vision of the past, challenging and rigorous, but constructive and inspiring.

It's a sad feeling for the educators, though, and not just

because of the loss of students. The reason for the loss cannot be ignored; the departure is an indictment of leftist theories of learning. Classical schools treasure precisely what leftist principles reject: old books and Great Books, Western Civilization, memorization, religion, dead languages, high art.

During the so-called Canon Wars of the 1980s and early 1990s, multiculturalists believe that they had defeated Western Civ for good. Multiculturalism conquered schools of education and district offices, and it eradicated Western Civ courses from general education requirements at colleges across the country, tarring traditions such as the Great American Novel as racially, sexually, and politically suspect.

Now, to the left's dismay, Western Civ is back. Valor

and Alberta are two of many extraordinary success stories.

What is likewise becoming clear is the trend at classical colleges with a forthright conservative orientation. The Cardinal Newman Society has a small network of colleges that it recommends because they adhere strictly to Catholic identity and Catholic tradition. It grants a gold rating, for instance, only if a school never gives honors or tenders speaking invitations to individuals who question Catholic moral teaching. It praises the old general education model that set "classical works and the ideas that shaped Western civilization and Christianity" at the center of the curriculum.

Schools in the network — Ave Maria in Florida, Belmont Abbey in North Carolina, Benedictine in Kansas, Franciscan in Ohio,

Christendom in Virginia, Thomas Aquinas in California and Massachusetts, University of Mary in North Dakota, University of St. Thomas in Texas, and Walsh University in Ohio — have seen record entering classes and total enrollment.

Every shift of public school children to classical schools erodes the authority of progressive schooling. Traditionalists are still vastly outnumbered by progressives, but their popularity among a growing population of parents gives them confidence.

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Thursday, December 5, 2024
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 6, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, December 7, 2024
 6:00 p.m. - Colony Christmas Parade

Monday, December 9, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:30 a.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Library Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Mtg
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Mtg

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 10:00 a.m. - Remember When Wednesday
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Committee
 5:30 p.m. - Zumba Class
 6:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT Mtg
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Auxiliary Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - Shotokan Karate Training

Thursday, December 12, 2024
 8:00 a.m. - Morning Mingle
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Sunday, December 15, 2024
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

Monday, December 16, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Mtg

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 3:30 p.m. - Bricks & Books @ Garnett Library (3rd grade and up)
 5:00 p.m. - ACDA Advisory Board Meeting



The Decendants of Leo and Elizabeth Katzer sharing their annual Thanksgiving celebration at the Kirk House. Activities during the three day gathering included many pitch games, bowling, watching football and basketball, a white elephant exchange, the annual pumpkin roll with prizes and more. They also shared a wonderful Thanksgiving feast together. This year's activities included a special birthday celebration for Bill Katzer's 80th birthday. Pictured, front row from left: Grace Platt, Sonia Kettler, Caroline Platt, Janie Platt, Emma Platt, Tim Platt, Sam Platt, David Platt, JoAnne Platt. Second

row: Suzzane Platt, Carly Gatlin, Stacey Oldfield, Libby Platt, Olivia Platt, Mari Platt. Third row: Ronda Katzer, Melissa Gatlin, Brian Kute, Ellie Platt, Bill Katzer, Sonia Katzer. Fourth row: Jerry Katzer, Linda Umbarger, Caleb Kettler, Kate Kettler, Sawyer Kettler, Levi Kettler, Charlie Platt. Fifth row: Jim Katzer, Luke Kettler, Luke Platt, Will Platt, Kelly Katzer, Henry Katzer. Sixth row: Sara Nelson, Sean Platt, Chris Katzer, Lisa Walters-Piska, Ray Katzer. Seventh Row: Jeff Gatlin, Hayes Gatlin, Ryan Platt.

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Traffic was flowing unfettered again early this week on U.S. 169 just north of 1900 Road after work crews finished the culvert and guardrail replacement project there. The spot was an alternating lane stop that dropped crossing traffic to one lane since work began there in late September.

Frontier District to host Backyard Poultry 101

The Frontier Extension District will host a free educational opportunity titled "Backyard Poultry 101." This public meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Overbrook Public Library in Overbrook.

Dr. Scott Beyer, Kansas State Extension Specialist - Poultry Nutrition and Management, will highlight many aspects of owning and raising poultry, including having a biosecurity plan in place to protect flocks from the Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu. Other topics he will discuss include poultry housing and management, selecting the best breeds for production, getting the most eggs from a flock, molting a flock, and vaccinations and health care. "Dr. Beyer will have something of interest for everyone," said Rod Schaub, Frontier District livestock agent.

"With the demand for poultry products on the rise, and a dozen eggs currently fluctuating significantly, it is a real treat to be able to grow your own broilers and eat fresh eggs," Schaub said. "Fresh eggs are tastier than those you purchase from the grocery store, they have increased nutritional benefits and they are great when used for baking."

If you have questions or need more information about the Backyard Poultry 101 meeting, contact Rod Schaub at 785-828-4438 or at rschaub@ksu.edu. See you at the meeting!

Chapter Y P.E.O. met 12/2

Chapter Y P.E.O. members met December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate their Christmas social in the festive decorated home of President Alice Anderegg.

The members enjoyed a delicious catered dinner.

Hostesses for the event were Becky Solander, Donna Benjamin, Stacy Gwin, Denise

Weber and Rita Boydston.

The next regular P.E.O. meeting will be January 20, 2025 in the home of Becky Solander.

Jessica Klein and Becky Solander will serve as hostesses. The Founders Day program will be given by Angela McFadden.

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Senior Center pitch results from October 24 - November 21 - Group sadly loses a longtime player

First and foremost I want to acknowledge the loss of one of our longtime pitch players, Martha Beachy. She could bid on very little and come out a winner. We will miss her approach to playing pitch and her wit.

I must apologize for neglecting my duty of reporting the winners and losers for 13-point pitch. Hopefully this will get me caught up and on the path to consistent reporting.

On the 24th of October Glenda Stanley won the most games winning 8 of 10; Ron Walter took the 50/50; Kyle Trendel had the most perfect

hands with three and Karen Register won the least number of games.

We decided to forgo Halloween at home and instead played cards. Phyllis Gordon won the top spot winning 8 of 10 games; Paula Walter won the 50/50; Dorothy Spencer had the most perfect hands with 2 and Ron Walter captured the least number of games.

On the 7th of November the top spot again went to Phyllis Gordon winning 8 of 10 games; Rachel Trendel Burgio won the 50/50; John Walter had the most perfect hands with 4 and Karen Register won the

least number of games;

On the 14th of November Paula Walter took the top spot winning 7 of 10 games; Jackie Waddle captured the 50/50; Don Smith had the most perfect hands with 4 and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

Winner for the 21st of November was Pat Uhlenhake with 7 of 10 games; Jan Wards had the most perfect hands with 4 and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

We invite you to join us on Thursday evening promptly at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center. We range in ages from

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Jan Wards reporting

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RECORDS...

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ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED
 On November 22, Shawn Paul Ishmael, Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested for failure to appear.
 On November 22, Rodney Ray Clark, Piqua, was arrested for a probation violation and indirect contempt of court.
 On November 22, Wyatt Anthony Tummons, Garnett, was arrested for DUI, transporting an open container, liquor, consumption/sale minor and speeding.
 On November 22, Matthew Ryan Browning, Kansas City, was arrested for possession of drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 On November 23, Jiyanimir Thompson, Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
 On November 24, Reuben Gene Payne, Garnett, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
 On November 24, Donald Ray Carriger, Garnett, was arrested for driving while suspended.
 On November 25, Rodney Ray Clark, Piqua, was booked as a hold for Greenwood County as he was arrested for failure to appear.
 On November 25, Jennifer Rae Jenkins, Garnett, was arrested for failure to appear.
 On November 26, Brandon Lee Cearnal, Garnett, was arrested for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and inter-

ference with law enforcement.
 On November 26, Tyler Westley Hoke, Garnett, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
 On November 27, Tessa Jean Thomas, Garnett, was arrested for violation of protection order.
ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of November 27, 2024)
 Joseph Wilper was booked into jail on October 20, 2023.
 Chester Casida was booked into jail on April 5, 2024.
 Kevin Labelle was booked into jail on April 25, 2024.
 Shawn Harris was booked into jail on May 23, 2024.
 Jason Boothe was booked into jail on June 26, 2024.
 Chad Kammerer was booked into jail on July 5, 2024.
 Stuart Wieland was booked into jail on July 21, 2024.
 William Vandenberg was booked into jail on July 25, 2024.
 James Chambers was booked into jail on August 15, 2024.
 Stephen Putthoff was booked into jail on August 30, 2024.
 Hollis Grewing was booked into jail on October 6, 2024.
 Porfirio De La Cruz-Cantu was booked into jail on October 10, 2024.
 Carlos Marquez-Mejia was booked into jail on October 14, 2024.

Jennifer McSwane was booked into jail on October 21, 2024.
 Joshua Lohff was booked into jail on October 22, 2024.
 Erika Bond was booked into jail on October 31, 2024.
 Jennifer McBrearty was booked into jail on November 8, 2024.
 Brandon Cearnal was booked into jail on November 26, 2024.
 Tyler Hoke was booked into jail on November 26, 2024.
ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of November 27, 2024)
 Dawson Peine was booked into jail on July 12, 2024.
 Christomer Hassell was booked into jail on September 12, 2024.
 Doyle Stryker was booked into jail on September 14, 2024.
 Jesse King was booked into jail on September 30, 2024.
 Joseph Steinke was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.
 David McGinn was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.
 Allen Bailey was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.
 Julio Casanovavega was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.
 Edward Hunter was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.
 Jeremy Lankard was booked into jail on November 18, 2024.

Notice of county budget amendment

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Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2024 Budget
 The governing body of
Anderson County

will meet on the day of December 23, 2024 at 9:05 AM at Anderson County Commission Chambers for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Anderson County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

| Fund | 2024 Adopted Budget | | | 2024 Proposed Amended Expenditures |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| | Actual Tax Rate | Amount of Tax that was Levied | Expenditures | |
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POOL...

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have worried they may not be able to reopen the pool each spring due to various problems associated with its 8 decades of service.

In July of this year Commissioners committed \$7,000 to an engineering study of the facility, which revealed the city's failure to meet low to moderate income population requirements most likely would prevent it from receiving grant assistance for construction of a new facility. Former city recreation director Phil Bures commissioned a review of the facility by a St. Louis commercial pool company in late 2022 that estimated a new pool would cost from \$2.5 to \$3.5 million. Those estimates were made before the worst was seen of spiking inflation the past two years. Locke previously said even those 2022 costs were too much to commit.

"I'm not in favor in any shape or form of spending \$3 million for a new pool," Locke said during an April 2023 discussion. "We've got more important things to deal with than building a new swimming pool."

The cost involved in staffing, operating, and maintaining the city swimming pool

have always outpaced the fees it generates during its summer use. In 2023, Wilson said the city budgeted \$6,750 annually for pool maintenance although actual costs had exceeded by \$1,000 in recent years. Other figures reviewed at that April 2023 meeting revealed pool revenues that came in around \$25,000 year for fees, memberships and party rentals, and operating costs that ranged \$65,000 to \$75,000 annually.

The City of Garnett presently taxes retail sales at .5 percent, which when combined with county and state sales tax adds 7.5 percent to most retail sales made in the city for a total of 8 percent. Sales tax impacts higher ticket purchases like vehicles, furniture and major appliances and equipment most.

Sales tax is seen as a regressive tax by most economists - one that draws a higher percentage of income from poorer income earners than from the more wealthy. Garnett's November 2024 sales tax dipped to \$26,000 from \$29,000 the same month in 2023 and dropped from \$332,000 to \$315,000 year-to-date from January.

In other business from the meeting:

• Commissioners heard a presentation from Sam Mills with the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency proposed a peak electrical power contract with the Ninnesca Flats Solar project under development by NextEra Energy. Mills said tightened deadlines for city participation in the project meant the company hoped to have cities locked into 30 year agreements by the end of December. Commissioners took no action on the proposal and referred it for future discussion.

• Commissioners offered generally negative opinions on the city allowing cargo containers for various uses within in the city limits for debris or storage.

• Commissioners declined a request by Anderson County Review publisher Dane Hicks to be provided draft copies of city commission meeting minutes prior to their approval at two-week delayed followup meetings. Hicks had requested the copies saying he hoped to be able to publish them in the newspaper to make them available to the public on a more timely basis.

Dieker graduates KLA Young Stockmen's Academy Nov. 22

TOPEKA - Drake Dieker from Westphalia was one of 20 young Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) members from across the state to graduate from the Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) November 22 during the annual KLA Convention. Merck Animal Health partnered with KLA to host members in their 20s for a series of four seminars throughout 2024. This class, the eighteenth since the beginning of the program, brings the total number of YSA graduates to 355.

knowledge and interact with other KLA members from across the state. YSA members got a firsthand look at the inner workings of the association by attending the KLA Chairmen's Circle meeting. The group also participated in the policy-making process by joining in on committee and council meetings.

During their first session in Topeka in February, attendees participated in advocacy training were exposed to the legislative process and learned about services provided by KLA and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The class met again in the Kansas City area in May, where they learned about beef marketing and agribusiness other training followed in the program.



Dieker

Attending the KLA Convention in Manhattan was the fourth and final session for this year's class. The three-day event provided participants the opportunity to gain additional industry

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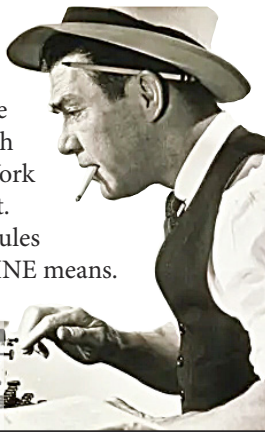
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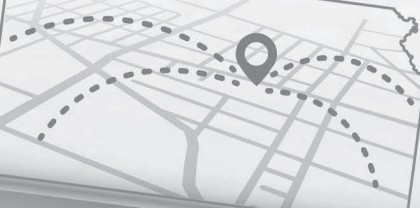
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The Greeley Elementary 5th and 6th graders were the first place winners in the 2024 Quiz Bowl Competition held Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Garnett Elementary. Quiz Bowl is the elementary version of Scholar Bowl, an academic competition made up of a team of five players. Greeley, Westphalia, and three Garnett Elementary teams competed against each other in a battle of math, science, social studies, language arts, fine arts, and sports questions. Pictured are the Greeley team members, from left: BreckKyn Kueser, Colton Nelson, Brinnley Callahan, Bryson Stinnett, and Brenton Moody. Their teacher is Mrs. Tami Carver.

BBB investigation: Scammers target "viral" items, pet sales online over holidays

With more than \$240 billion in U.S. online sales and almost \$15 billion in holiday retail expected in Canada, shoppers across North America need to be alert to tactics used by scammers, such as fake advertisements to offer deep discounts and hard-to-find popular items. Scammers found new targets on social media with popular items such as beauty products and viral tumbler mugs, which contributed to a 125% rise in reports to BBB last year. In this BBB scam study update, which builds upon the work of a 2021 investigation and 2022 update, BBB examines that rise in reports, reviews the amount of money lost and shares stories from those caught up in the scams so the public knows what to avoid this holiday season.

Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network Scam survivor stories
Rylee in Moline, Illinois told BBB she encountered an ad on social media for clothes at a deep discount. She paid nearly \$100 for the set but things started to go wrong from the moment she sent her money. The shipping confirmation was suspicious, and she began to worry. When her items didn't come, she went back and forth with the company, which promised her items would be delivered. After a couple months, she realized nothing was coming to her home and that she had been scammed.

Mark in Cave City, Arkansas told BBB he found work shirts for sale on Facebook. The product was supposedly shipped through USPS, and he tracked the product as it made its way toward him. However, it appeared to be stuck at several locations for weeks, before the company claimed it had been delivered. Mark went to the postal service office near him, and they told him the shipping number was fake, and he had been scammed.

- Red flags**
- Items offered at a deep discount
 - Deals too good to be true
 - Popular items sold by unknown retailer
 - Seller asks for payment through a payment app
 - Unprofessional web pages
 - Long shipping windows
- Tips to Spot This Scam**
- Research a seller before purchasing
 - Compare item to a trusted retailers' prices and shipping windows

- Don't trust a social media advertisement outright
 - Be extra alert when buying a viral item
 - Avoid sales offering multiple items for the price of one
 - Use a credit card
 - Utilize BBB's scam survivor toolkit
- For more information**
If you've been the victim of a scam when you made an online purchase, please report it to BBB Scam Tracker at bbb.org/scamtracker. Your report can help expose scammers' tactics and prevent others from having a similar experience.

Key findings

- With the ubiquity of online shopping, nearly everyone is at risk of running into an online shopping scam.
- Pet scams make up a large portion of the reports; rare animals like lizards and sugar gliders are used to lure in consumers.
- Online purchase scams are international in scope, with nearly every country in the world losing large amounts of money because of fake and misleading online purchase offers.
- Over 80% of reports to BBB indicated that they lost money, making online purchase scams one of the most common scams the public encounters.

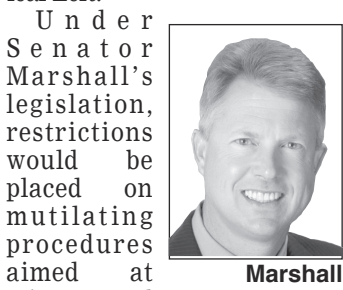
Online purchase scam reports across North America (2021-2023)

- 59,428 - BBB Scam Tracker
- 1,200,940 - Federal Trade

Marshall forwards bill against "transing" kids

WASHINGTON, D.C.- This week U.S. Senator from Kansas Roger Marshall, M.D. introduced the Safeguarding the Overall Protection of Minors Act, new legislation to protect America's children from irreversible physical and emotional harm caused by transgender procedures pushed by the radical Left.

ering commitment to protecting children from transgender activists' twisted and criminal agenda." The law would prohibit any person, or the minor in question, from engaging in interstate commerce to perform, or attempt to perform such activities.



Marshall

Under Senator Marshall's legislation, restrictions would be placed on mutilating procedures aimed at minors and impose strict financial penalties on physicians who perform these procedures. "Americans resoundingly rejected the Left's dangerous transgender agenda. Let's call it exactly what it is: child abuse," Senator Marshall said. "The days of demented doctors and activists getting rich off of mutilating, sterilizing, and castrating children are over. "Our legislation keeps children's safety paramount by prohibiting anyone from performing, facilitating, or even conspiring to give these irreversible therapies and procedures to minors. This bill is just the beginning of what's to come with President Trump at the helm and our unwav-

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Tracy Modlin, parade Grand Marshal along with his wife Charlotte and granddaughter Charlotte during the annual Christmas Parade on the downtown square in Garnett on Saturday.

Annual Christmas parade announces float winners as well as top business window displays

The 54th Annual Garnett Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony "Toy Trains and Candy Canes" took place on Saturday evening and featured a vibrant display of community spirit with 23 entries participating in the event. The parade followed a newly established route, beginning at the Ray Meyer Gym and proceeding down Oak Street to the town square, providing a festive atmosphere for both participants and spectators.

In the competition for the best floats, the Garnett Lions Club secured first place, showcasing creativity and holiday cheer. Easdon Technology earned the second-place accolade, followed closely by The Grimes Family, who achieved a commendable third place. These floats contributed significantly to the celebration, highlighting local talent and festive enthusiasm.

Furthermore, recognition was also given for the best window displays, with Donna's School of Dance taking home first place in this category. Monroe 8916 ranked second, while KS Property Place rounded out the top three in window display awards. The overall event fostered a sense of community engagement and holiday joy, marking another successful year for the Garnett Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to Archie Welsh, son of Dakota and Bailey Welsh, for creating our theme

Further, the Garnett Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all participants as well as the City of Garnett, the Garnett Police Department and many others that helped create this wonderful evening. But a special thank you to Santa for making the long trip to Garnett.

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