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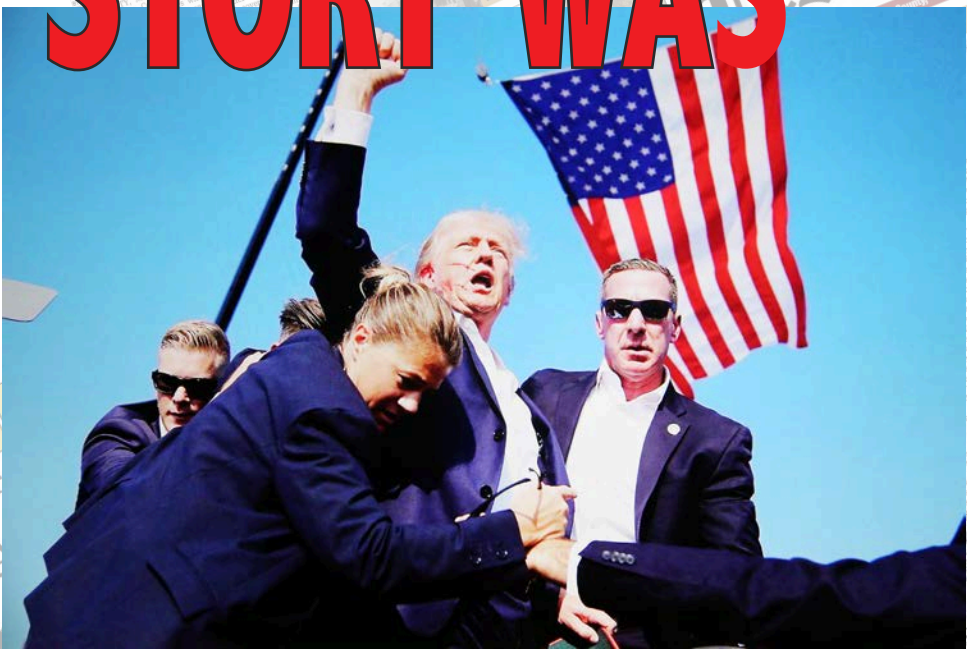


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IN 2024, THE BIGGEST STORY WAS



POLITICS

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Analysis
WASHINGTON D.C. - Like few other election years before it, 2024's political landscape seemed to define the entire country the same way it shaped public debate and the atmosphere in Anderson County. The Shakespearean political saga of the nation this year indeed seemed to be embraced everywhere, with lamentations of "polarization" and "division" in the country swirling around Donald Trump and setting the stage for the final showdown that turned November into a final climax.

The Trump drama in truth started with his defeat in 2020 while the covid pandemic and its bureaucratic interpretation cast a lingering shadow across the country. "Cancel Culture" roared the bandwidth of social media and sought to force compliance among critics and naysayers to the institution-driven political perspectives of the day. Trump's defeat in 2020 was also a precursor to a landslide of dubious prosecutions and civil court allegations that would continue to inflame his supporters and drive allegiance to him.

At the same time, President Biden seemed to personally deteriorate at the same pace as his presidency failed. Disaster began in 2021 with Biden's undoing of Trump's border wall security measures that spawned a massive influx of illegal immigration into the country and pivoted to outright disaster with the Abbey Gate bombing during Biden's Afghanistan withdrawal the following August. Vast swathes of the American population began to read Biden's public befuddlement as encroaching senility, providing little confidence that the president and his policies could satiate the massive inflation that hampered the country from Biden and congressional Democrats' copious spending of public

funds. Hope began to rise on its own across the country that the nation could survive Biden's presidency and get to something different at the end of 2024.

Like most of Kansas Anderson County votes heavily Republican, and would eventually cast 78% of its not spectacular voter turnout for Trump in the November

election. The final vote would come after two attempts on Trump's life beginning in July, each resulting in higher public approval ratings and larger amounts of cash donations to his campaign. Other issues inflamed voters as well, like "woke" policy pressure on business and government regarding sex and race, and particularly a concerted effort by interest groups to push acceptance of gender dysphoric political power that promised an invasion of men into women's sports, locker rooms and bathrooms. But more so it seemed to be the economy - every trip to the grocery or gas pump seemed to remind people the country was a mess, and Joe Biden was to blame.

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After Democrats lost faith in Biden's ability to win against Trump, the party machine drove vice president Kamala Harris into the ticket's top spot./AP Photo

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Record abortions in Kansas in 2023

Of Anderson County's 104 births in 2023, 28 were to unwed mothers

BY ROSE CONLON THE KANSAS NEWS SERVICE

TOPEKA - More abortions occurred in Kansas in 2023 than ever before in the state's recorded history - driven by a surge of patients living in nearby states with abortion bans.

In Anderson County, three women had abortions in 2023. One hundred four women with addresses in the county gave birth during the year, and 28 of those births were to unwed mothers.

The numbers were part of a vital statistics report released last week by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, after the data was delayed several months for reasons that were never made clear by KDHE. At the core of the report was its abortion data, which conservatives charged was being delayed so as not to damage campaigns of Democrats running for legislative seats in the November election.

Those stats said 19,467 abortions occurred in Kansas in 2023 - an all time record and the first full year after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, allowing many states to ban the procedure.

The 2023 figure represents a 58% increase from the 12,318

abortions recorded in Kansas in 2022 and a 148% increase from the 7,849 recorded in 2021.

The 2023 report shows that less than a fourth of the patients who received abortions at Kansas clinics were in-state residents. Texans made up the largest portion of patients, followed by Kansans, Oklahomans, Missourians and Arkansans.

More than 9 in 10 abortions occurred before the 13th week of pregnancy. None happened after 22 weeks, which is the legal limit in Kansas.

Kansas started reporting yearly abortion figures in 1971. The previous record was set in 1973, when the state recorded 12,612 procedures. The number has ebbed and flowed over the years, with a general trend downward starting around 2000.

The downward trend was broken in 2022, when the state's clinics saw a renewed influx of out-of-state patients after the Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision.

In an email, the anti-abortion lobbying group Kansans for Life called the increase of abortions last year "heartbreaking."

"The surge of abortions in Kansas is a heartbreaking reminder of the abortion industry's relentless targeting of vulnerable women who are no longer protected by enforce-

SEE ABORTION ON PAGE 14

Solar moratorium, Garnett pool prospects, veterans memorial lead local topics for 2025

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - While no other story usurped politics this year as the most impacting aspect of 2024, a handful of other notables stuck out as issues that will occupy local leaders and residents in the coming year and beyond.

The extension of a moratorium on commercial solar installations by the Anderson County Commission puts to rest, at least temporarily, an issue which is driving debate and division in communities throughout the Midwest. County Commissioners extended an existing one year moratorium this past September, pushing debates over project development well into the fall of 2025 if they come about at all. That moratorium follows other restrictions on industrial solar in other communities including nearby Linn County, which enacted an outright ban, and limitations in Douglas and Johnson counties to restrict the size of installations to 1,000 to 2,000 acres.

The projects have prompted even more strenuous debates with publicity surrounding the Grain Belt Express transmission line, which would

encumber millions of acres of Kansas farmland as the transmission corridor arcs from Dodge City to the northern tier of the state before cutting through Missouri and Illinois on its way to a destination in Indiana. The 5-mile wide corridor, spearheaded by Chicago-based Invenergy, is one of several mass transmission projects planned by the



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to transport wind and solar generated electricity from the Midwest to high consumption areas in the east. The GBE project has given rise to fears by landowners that portions of their land may be seized by eminent domain for the project.

See more highlights of 2024 on pages 12-13

However along with the risks of these renewable projects come substantial lease payments for landowners who contract with developers. With farm prices and higher input costs squeezing farm profits, those lease opportunities will become more and more important to Anderson County farmers who will be

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NEWS IN BRIEF

YOU'RE GONNA MISS US
The Anderson County Review will have early deadlines and our offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's. For New Year's advertising and news deadlines will be Friday, Dec. 27. You won't remember this, so call us at (785) 448-3121.

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Please find information about Kansas BPW Educational Foundation Inc scholarships available on this website: bpwkansas.weebly.com. For further information please contact Jenny Myers, BPW Foundation President or Helen Norman, Advisor with contact information can be found on our "Contact Us" page. Scholarship applications must be submitted and returned to the Garnett BPW organization by December 31 or earlier to be considered. If you have any questions please feel free to call 785-448-8745.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO
There will be no Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett on December 31st. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS
Every 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.

GARNETT TRASH ROUTES TO CHANGE FOR HOLIDAYS
For New Year's week the Monday/Tuesday Dec. 30-31 routes will be run as usual with no service on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Wednesday's route will run Thursday and the Thursday / Friday routes will both run Friday.

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.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 16, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 16, 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.

Road & Bridge
Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He discussed ordering tires for the department and will be receiving bids after the first of the year. The department has been clearing brush and trimming trees that are over the roadway.

Solid Waste
Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. He proposed an increase in the landfill rates. The rates have not increased since 2019. He gave a rates comparison of surrounding counties and Anderson County is lower than them all. The proposed rates include a \$3.00 increase in the minimum fee, \$5.00 increase for floor, \$13.00 increase for C/D, and a \$14.00 increase for

brush. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the increase in the Landfill/Transfer Station rates beginning January 1st, 2025. All voted yes.

Abatements & Adds
Abatements B25-101 through B25-136 and adds A25-101 through A25-103 were approved as presented.

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

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS
Clear Creek Estates LLC to Emily J Root: West 20' lot 4 & all lots 5, 6 & north 25' lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 blk 13 Town of Harris.

Cody A Yoder, Cody Yoder AKA, Katherine A Yoder and Katherine Yoder to Mark Farmer and Heather Farmer: Lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block 24 in Railroad Addition to the Town of Welda.

Ivan L Goins and Yvonne M Goins Trust Dtd 4/4/11 to Cody Yoder and Katherine Yoder: The nw/4 of the se/4 of 4-23-19 and the ne/4 of se/4 of 5-23-19.

Dallas G Brown and Andrea

Bowen-King to Michael L Gardner and Deborah S Gardner: The sw/4 of the sw/4 of the se/4 of the sw/4 of 25-20-19 and beginning sw/4 of the sw/4 of the se/4 of the sw/4 of 25-20-19; said point being 1647.99 feet east of the sw corner of said sw/4; thence north along the east line of said sw/4 of the sw/4 of the se/4 of the sw/4 on a record bearing of north 00°03'25" east a distance of 331.96 feet; thence south 89°50'52" east a distance of 104.00 feet; thence south 00°03'25" west a distance of 331.98 feet to the south section line; thence north 89°51'36" west a distance of 104.00 feet to the pob; said tract contains 0.79 acres..

Jessica L O'Connor and John O'Connor to Jessica L O'Connor and John O'Connor: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in block 80 to the City of Garnett.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Korine Leslee Hollon has been charged with leaving the scene of an injury and/or property damage accident, violation of duty of driver upon damaging an unattended vehicle or other property and transportation of liquor in an open container.

Bret W Duvall has been charged with stalking and violation of protective order.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Moriah Jordyn Brumitt has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

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.

Time to rejoice and reflect

My mom called just before dinner on a recent Sunday despite my visit the day before. That meant she likely had an emergent question if not a true emergency. Thankfully it turned out to be the former and the pressing issue was how many people from my household would be attending Christmas dinner.

Everyone needed to be counted so she could purchase the appropriately sized standing rib roast. I got off relatively easy since all I had to do was give an answer. My brother will be tasked with cooking the roast.

Rest assured I'll be there in time to supervise and offer my expert opinion on the process.

Rare to medium is my preferred temperature for prime rib. Just a shade darker than bright pink is the best way to maximize the savory taste. But growing up it was mostly cooked to medium or beyond with the heels well done. The center of the roast was the only portion that still held any flavor.

Yes, I still hold a small grudge against family members who insisted on spoiling a great cut of beef by cooking it too long. Thankfully, food was merely a conduit for conversation during the holidays.



GREG DOERING, KANSAS FARM BUREAU

Circumstances rather than whatever dish is served make the meal. And Christmas dinner is no exception. I'd eat cold bologna sandwiches if it meant enjoying the company of family members no longer with us.

However, that tradeoff isn't in the cards, so I guess I'll settle for some prime rib and tell stories about the past to those who weren't around to experience it.

Reminiscing has always been part of holiday festivities, whether it's over drinks or at the dinner table.

It was in these storytelling sessions I first learned my parents were kids once, too. And maybe they weren't perfect angels either.

Sometimes the tales were tall and others devolved into history lessons on how rough life used to be when coal ash had to be shoveled out of the basement stove or the lengths people went to staying cool

prior to air conditioning.

These memories are still fresh in my mind despite being decades old now. I can see the drop-leaf maple table we sat around at my grandparents' house and feel the warmth of the crowded living room.

More of these impressions will be made over the coming days with my family as life briefly slows down to allowing us to enjoy each other's company. I hope the same is true for you, as well.

And I should note there was plenty of stress and hard work that went into making these childhood holidays carefree. Trees, lights, presents and food don't one day magically appear. I know not everyone is as fortunate to just be a kid around the holidays.

So, in this season make time for rejoicing and reflecting, whether it's just a day or a whole week. There's plenty of merriment to be had long after the presents are unwrapped or dinner is over.

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ISSUES...

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at least temporarily delayed by the county's moratorium in pursuing them.

While the sun provides fodder for one debate at the county level its summer recreational value hands the city of Garnett a major issue in 2025 as well. City commissioners recently adopted a consensus to investigate sales tax funding to support bond payments for either major renovations to the Garnett pool or construction of a new facility altogether. That move comes after extensive debate about the aging pool's prospects dating as far back as 2019, when maintenance and operation issues began to distinguish themselves as major stumbling blocks to the pool's opening in just about each of those summers.

At issue is the likely multi-million dollar expense required for the project, debates over the amount of its actual need in a community most heavily populated by older adults, and its proximity to nearby pools in other communities already trafficked by locals who don't mind the drive in order to enjoy a more expansive facility.

A 2022 estimate by a St Louis Pool Company targeted a reconstruction project at

\$2.5 to \$3.5 million.

The new pool question brings its own challenges, and public trust may be flagging in high-investment local government projects after the realization this past year that Anderson County's beautiful new Veterans Memorial on the north courthouse lawn may never be as its sales pitch years ago was to county residents and veterans. County commissioners and their computer consultants have been stymied in their attempts to bring the operation of the memorial in line with its digital promise of providing working touch screens to access various local veteran data and to provide ease of updates as the ranks of county veterans expand in the future.

The county is reported to have spent in the neighborhood of \$400,000 or more on the grand structure and its digital component, but the fact that it's never been completely functional and that county commissioners have failed to find a vendor who can fix the problem has not set well with veterans and their families in the community. As 2024 ended, another stop gap fix for the memorial was generating new criticism from various quarters.

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BROWN

MARCH 31, 1927 — DECEMBER 15, 2024

Doris Jean Brown, age 97, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.



Brown

Doris Jean Clinkenbeard was born on March 31, 1927, in Lebanon, Missouri, the youngest child to Ernest and Ora (Bolles) Clinkenbeard. Doris was a graduate of Lebanon High School with the Class of 1944. She went on to achieve her nursing degree at Springfield Baptist Hospital. She had been offered a scholarship to The Juilliard School but due to war and the state of the country she chose nursing.

She married Nollan Edward Brown in July of 1948 and together they had 4 children, Steve, Nancy, Elizabeth (Lisa) and Jayne. They divorced after 45 years of marriage.

She was in the original group of nurses that assisted in opening the Anderson County Hospital around 1951. She was an RN there until May 1971 when she became the Director of Nursing for the Osawatomie State Hospital and served in that position until her retirement in 1987.

She was an active member of the First Christian Church in Garnett where she lived and raised her children. Jean was very involved in the choir and for many years with Bible School teachings.

After her divorce, Jean became a mover and a traveler. Anywhere she moved she was active in her church choir. She was very independent and purchased a small RV around the age of 67 and traveled by herself for a few years to some of her favorite places in the United States.

She attended as many grandkids' and great grandkids' events as possible as her family was her priority. Family history was also important to her and genealogy, which she studied and compiled for her Bolles and Clinkenbeard ancestry.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, sister Jewel Palmer, brothers Jessie and Dale Clinkenbeard, daughter Jayne Poss, son Steve Brown and grandson Kevin Rush.

She is survived by daughters Nancy Bain (& Jeff) of Pryor, OK, Elizabeth (Lisa) Minis of Kansas City, MO; daughter-in-law Brenda Brown of Garnett, son-in-law Stephen Poss of Greeley. Also her grandchildren Angie, Brad, James, Dana, Jason, Hannah, Rachel, Emily, Meghan and Carly and 37 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Funeral services were December 23, 2024, at the First Christian Church in Garnett, Kansas. Burial followed in the Garnett Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church or Leukemia Society and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

Colony Christian Church - 'Come Home for Christmas'

Brant and Danelle McGhee led worship singing "Go Tell it on the Mountain," "Silent Night," "Mary Did You Know" and "Come Home for Christmas." They were accompanied by Mike Billings and Ben Prasko.

Brant McGhee's communion meditation was titled "Christmas Cradle, Christmas Cross." When we think about the birth of Christ we must connect the cradle to the cross, the womb to the tomb and the birth to rebirth.

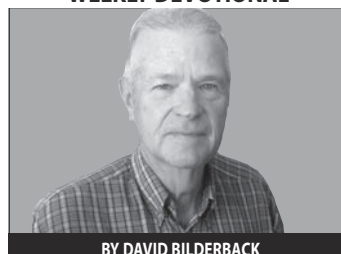
Pastor Chase Riebel's message was "Come Home for Christmas." Christmas means

to celebrate Christ. Luke 2:28 tells the story of a man named Simeon who had waited diligently all his life for the arrival of the Messiah. When he held Jesus he realized that this was the child who would bring salvation to the world. Compare his faith to the way Herod, the king of Judea, reacted when he heard about Jesus. He was so terrified of a baby that he put to death all male children under the age of two in Bethlehem.

Colony Christian Church had a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m. on Tuesday December 24th.

Living in the Light

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

When we come home after being gone all day and walk into a dark house the first thing we look for is the light switch. When we turn on the light the darkness goes away. Where does it go? The transition from darkness to light is instantaneous. The light overwhelms the darkness. Turn the light off and the darkness returns. Again it is instantaneous.

The Bible has a lot to say about light and dark. In Genesis 1:2 we are told darkness was over the surface of the earth. God's very first act was to create light and to separate the light and the dark establishing the superiority of light over darkness. Jesus understood this superiority and in John 8:19 said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." What is the light of life? The light of life is the God given ability to live on this earth and embrace the work of God ever moving forward in Christ likeness.

In John 3:19 we read these terse words from Jesus. "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because, their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by truth comes into the

light so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." Clearly Jesus sets light against dark. We will live in one of the two. A life of Christ likeness in the light or a life away from Christ in the dark. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 6 that light and darkness cannot co-exist. The Apostle John in 1 John 1:5-7 lays this out for us as follows: "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." We are told that the earth was empty and formless prior to God creating light. That can also describe our life if we don't live in the light.

Ministry on the Holiness of God. Author of the book, "On the Other Side of the Door" Like David Bilderback on Facebook

May the light of the Christmas Season shine on you and your family throughout the coming year.

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REEVE

JANUARY 24, 1944 — DECEMBER 21, 2024

Charlene Reeve, age 80, of Lane, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at her home.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, January 3rd, 2025, at Lane Cemetery, Lane, Kansas.

"Honey,

do you honestly think I would check thousands of tiny little lights if I wasn't sure the extension cord was plugged in?"

— Clark Griswold

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Joe Biden and the Season of Spite

Last week the vapid, decaying husk of President Joe Biden was articulated by unknown leftist puppeteers into commuting the death sentences of 37 of the 40 most heinous convicted murderers in the country who were previously sentenced by juries of their peers for federal execution.

That's right, the man so compelled to ensure federal authority to end the lives of the innocent unborn thinks it's inhumane for the government to execute murderers.

Be ready America, because the season of spite doesn't end until noon January 20th.

Between now and then, the drooling, soulless Biden and the spiteful, fit-throwing toddlers in his immediate circle are going to be exhausting their final moments in control of the presidency by fomenting the most obnoxious, in-your-face assaults imaginable against righteous American values and decency. Don't expect much action from Biden of course — most of the time it's not even clear he knows he's going to be leaving the presidency, which is great comfort to Americans who are continually stymied at the question of just who really is in charge of the country right now.

The attempts at vengeance against the American voters will be carried out by the infantile influencers around him — the contingent of socialists and leftist Democrats installed by the Deep State who've spent most days since November 5th popping Xanax, crying in their bath tubs and holding their breath until they pass out.

You have to give them credit however. With spiteful savvy they've assessed every reason the voters embraced in order to cast out this infestation and looked for means to counter them and attempt to "Trump proof" the country in the limited amount of time they have left to manipulate Biden into action. They acted quickly to begin a fire sale auction of remaining parts and materials for construction of the border wall left to rust in 2021 when Biden curtailed the wall's construction, after a congressional move last year to "use, transfer or donate" abandoned wall materials under the Defense Authorization Act. Biden's team of course picked the fire sale. Some companies and even individuals were bidding on those materials in order to donate them back for their original purpose, and Trump has filed a civil suit to stop the sale which is likely far too late to have effect.

Of course none of this should be a surprise. Had Biden and crew any desire to maintain the

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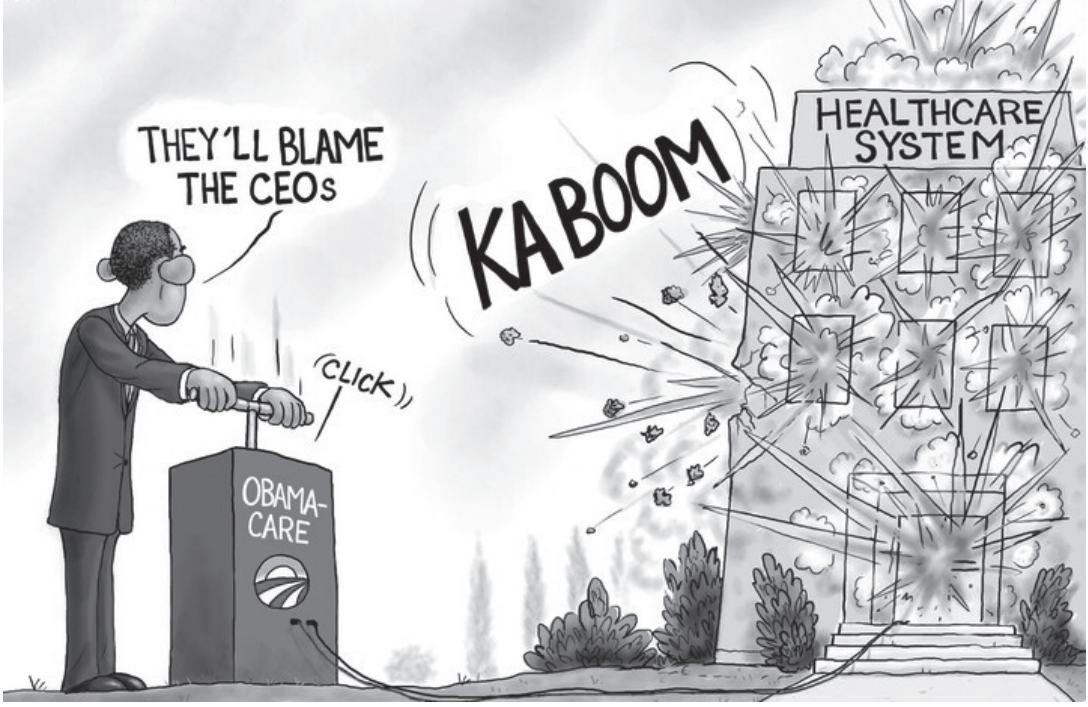
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security of the country in the first place, they'd have never stopped construction on the wall to begin with. How else to allow millions of illegals into the country to petition for amnesty and re-staff the ranks of the likely Democrat voters they've been aborting for 50 years?

Part of Biden's waning rein of spite will be in firehosing remaining dollars into the economy. Portions of Biden's massive inflation generating spending spree, the one that jacked consumer prices 20% since 2021 and drove automobile, housing and insurance prices even higher, has yet to be fully committed and distributed. Expedited pipelines for these funds are being established this very minute in order to pump money out to cronies and repay debts of influence — hence Pete Buttigieg's announcement late last week of \$3.4 billion in grants for pork barrel transportation projects like archaic passenger rail service. Other gimme projects provide additional opportunities to award money before Trump can stop it, like the energy department's \$544 million loan to a Michigan company so it can expand production of silicon carbide wafers for electric vehicles — because electric vehicles are such a hot selling item.

What will be the grand finale? Hoisting the trans flag over the White House during Trump's inauguration? Annexing Ukraine as the 51st American state? Gifting Red States in the Louisiana Purchase back to France? Biden and his bunch have much to do and the clock is ticking. The season of spite is rapidly coming to a close. ###

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Yes, I too remember Virginia Herman's Good News articles, and I just wanted to say that the choir at the Anderson County Junior High 7th and 8th grade concert put on a beautiful program the other night and I just wanted to commend the ones that did attend and the director. So now, it's somebody else's turn. Thank you.

Agree about no metal buildings in downtown Garnett. Fix this, zoning board people.

I disagree with your column concerning Derek Chauvin. Even a loser like George Floyd has rights in this country. If Floyd had been cuffed and put in the police car and died there, I don't think we'd be having this conversation. Thank you.

Letters to the editor

Context missing from so-called "Christmas" music, writer says

Dear editor,
Christmas time again. Christmas music fills the air. The songs are everywhere. Sometimes maybe we even get to where we don't need all that much Christmas music.

The thing that bugs me a little is the songs that we hear this time of year that have absolutely nothing to do with Christmas. Songs like "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow," "Sleigh ride," "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman," or "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" never mentioned Christmas at all or even mention gifts.

They are not Christmas songs, but as soon as December 26 comes we don't hear them.

I will call them winter songs. Winter doesn't end in December, so why can't we hear winter songs the rest of the winter season?

Why can't we take a sleigh ride in January? Why can't we go dashing through the snow in February? Why can't Frosty go hippity hopping down to the village in March? I have personally been walking in a winter wonderland in April.

I guess it is just one of those traditions that doesn't make much sense when you think about it, but no one cares to try to change it. There really are more serious things to focus on.

So Merry Christmas everyone and please sing the Christmas songs that are about the birth of Christ, without whom we would have no Christmas.

Mike Crane
Garnett

No repentance for media's lie of the year: "JOE BIDEN IS SHARP AS A TACK!"

The only thing worse than a villain is an unrepentant one.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, for instance, is one such case — not just because of the railroading it gave Richard Jewell when it falsely reported he was the perpetrator behind the 1996 Olympics bombing but also because it refuses to apologize for the role it played in ruining his life.

Similarly, what's worse than PolitiFact's being a willing participant in the conspiracy to hide President Joe Biden's mental and physical decline is its sleazy attempt last week to absolve itself of any wrongdoing.

I'm referring to PolitiFact's publication of a 3,500-plus-word article last week, in which it awarded its "lie of the year" to Donald Trump and JD Vance's claim that migrants in Ohio were eating dogs and cats.

What a remarkable assertion by the alleged fact-checker, especially considering that 2024 was also the year of "Joe Biden is sharp as a tack."

You won't catch me defending Trump and Vance on the pets claim. That's not the aim of this article. Instead, the aim is to approach this matter seriously and objectively. Let's consider consequences and scope, and let's assess qualitatively.

If we examine the significant, consequential lies of the year, the claim that Joe Biden was "sharp as a tack" stands out as the most egregious and serious. It ranks among the worst lies of the decade and is arguably one of the worst falsehoods perpetrated by any White House. The assertion that "Joe Biden is sharp as a tack" represented a widespread conspiracy of deception across the media and government. This lie relied on dozens, if not hundreds, of willing participants inside and outside the White House. An army of White House staffers, activists, Biden loyalists, politicians, and legislators participated, along with several journalists, pundits, and commentators, many of whom have exclusive access to the president.

Casual observers recognized Biden's frailty from the start. Yet indignant news organizations insisted these observers were either liars or gullible, the dupes of "cheap fakes."

My colleague Jim Geraghty remembers the headlines and news blurbs:

- NBC News, October 26, 2023: "Republicans float a quiet conspiracy theory that Biden won't be on the ballot."

- The Los Angeles Times, February 13, 2024: "Anyone hoping California Gov. Gavin Newsom or some other Democrat will take Joe Biden's place on the 2024 presidential ballot is likely to be disappointed. Despite renewed anxiety over the president's age — 81 — party officials and pollsters say swapping him out is a bad idea, and nearly impossible without his sign-off."

- NPR, April 7, 2024: "Yes, Biden is really running in November. But a lot of voters say they doubt it."

- The New York Times, July 12, 2024: "For years, far-right commentators have floated a conspiracy theory that Democratic Party elites were secretly plotting to replace President Biden on the ticket — a switcheroo that could give the

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party an advantage in November."

PolitiFact was no exception; it played a significant role in dismissing video and photographic evidence of Biden's decline by repeating the White House line that such proof was merely a "cheap fake."

"Cheap fakes": Viral videos keep clipping Biden's words out of context," read a PolitiFact headline published on Feb. 14, 2022.

A separate PolitiFact "fact-check" published in June 2024 declared, "Donald Trump's supporters have pushed deceptively edited videos of President Joe Biden to cast doubt on his mental and physical fitness. Now, the two campaigns are



putting their own political spin on the definition of 'cheap fake' videos."

The article reports, "These videos, called cheap fakes, have become a common tactic to undermine Biden's fitness for office as the 81-year-old seeks reelection. Former President Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, is 78."

As an example of a "cheap fake," the article specifically mentions a video from a 2024 fundraising event in Los Angeles featuring George Clooney, where Biden needed assistance exiting the stage. The footage depicts Biden freezing up, which prompted former president Barack Obama to guide the current commander-in-chief away from the stage, leading him by the hand

as one might do with a child. But don't worry, PolitiFact reassured readers at the time, the video is merely a "cheap fake."

Clooney later wrote an opinion article revealing that the L.A. fundraising event — the "cheap fake" event — was when he realized Biden was no longer mentally or physically capable of serving in office.

The White House and the national press tried to conceal Biden's decline. They failed only because Biden himself exposed the extent of his infirmities during a disastrous June presidential debate. It's no thanks to our "Fourth Estate," including PolitiFact, that the public knows what it knows now about the Biden Potemkin presidency, in which lackeys and stooges propped up a decrepit, frail old man to make it seem as if he were still "sharp," in charge, and as energetic as ever.

And though the lie fell apart, that doesn't mean it was trivial. On the contrary.

The lie led to Biden's eventual ouster, which came too late and resulted in a Democratic defeat in November, putting Trump back in power. Trump's reelection will reshape two major global conflicts and dismantle what remains of the Clinton, Obama, and Bush political machines. Trump's reelection will accelerate the major political realignments in America and abroad. The Biden lie has domestic and international repercussions. It's a lie that has left the United States effectively leaderless. The leading global nuclear superpower is experiencing something akin to a power vacuum, and world leaders are acutely aware of it. Just as Israel, which is currently reenacting the Godfather baptism scene throughout the Middle East.

These are just the immediate, short-term consequences of the Biden lie. The dogs-and-cats

issue? That generated a two-week news cycle (at best) affecting a limited group of people in an Ohio town you'd probably never heard of. Don't kid yourself.

Considering everything else that's wrong with this industry — such as its willing participation in what is easily the most significant presidential scandal of my lifetime — it's an insult on top of injury that we also need fact-checkers for our fact-checkers.

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What it takes to metal detect a historical site

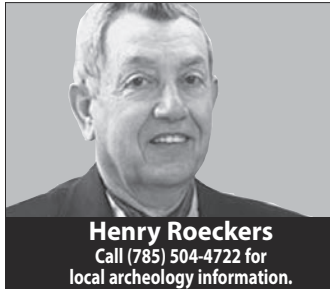
Recently I've gotten several questions asking how I got permission to metal detect the Arthur Capper birth site. There are only two reasons I can give those who are wondering. The first reason is I've been an active member of the Kansas Anthropological Association for over 37 years and have been a proud owner and operator of a metal detector for 63 years.

There are 4 rules of the KAA Code of Ethics concerning conducting metal detecting surveys of a Historical Site, that I followed very carefully.

First members undertaking archaeological surveys must have verbal or written permission from the owner of the property. In this case I notified both our State Archaeologist Nikki Klarman and Garnett's City Manager Travis Wilson for verbal permission. After permission was granted, I began this project.

Second, when working on archaeological sites, members should keep field notes of their surveys, including sketch maps to record the locations of where they find archaeological materials. I provided not only sketch's of the site, but also photos of each artifact found to the State Archaeologist and

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to our City Manager Travis Wilson.

Third, If a member discovers human remains, Kansas law requires that the discovery be reported to local law enforcement. There was no evidence of any bone being found at this site.

Fourth, members shall not buy, sell or trade archaeological materials because this encourages the destruction of archaeological sites. After cleaning, photographing, identifying and cataloging every artifact found, I turned everything over to the Anderson County Historical Society.

End of Project.

I hope this answers all the questions about this site.

Respectively submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 16Dec2024



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Circa December 1988 - The Garnett girls basketball team, pictured front row, from left: Manager Lucy Allen, Andrea Allen, Hilke Thorndsen, Stacy Smith, Alyson Spencer, Nicole Weide and manager Christy Hermann. Second row: Assistant Coach Steve Lewis, Melissa Maley, Tracy Rues, Tami Long, Stephanie Foltz, Tanya Foltz and Head Coach Shelly Strickler. Third row: Sheila Cass, Victoria Teter, Nicki Lickteig, Jackie Sommer, Loretta Teter and Stacy Wittman. Back row: Heather Cox, Natalie Weber, Denise McCarty, Krista Byerley and JoDee Weems.

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Lady Vikings compete at Chase County

COTTONWOOD FALLS - On Saturday the Central Heights Lady Viking wrestlers traveled to Chase County High School and competed well, led by a 2nd place finish by Ebony Hughes (110).

Hughes won 4 of her 5 matches on the afternoon.

Hughes downed Kennedy Grizzle of Lyons, Skyla Martin of West Franklin, Khloe Lif of Council Grove and Aubri Rohrer of Wellington. Her only defeat on the day was to Kegan Motter of El Dorado.

Full Results

100
Landry Sparks (4-3) placed 4th and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Landry Sparks (Central

Heights) 4-3 won by decision over Alexys Miller (Chase County) 2-10 (Dec 14-9)

Round 2 - London Pournier (Wellington) 13-3 won by major decision over Landry Sparks (Central Heights) 4-3 (MD 20-8)

Round 3 - Landry Sparks (Central Heights) 4-3 won by decision over Miana shutte (Fredonia) 10-2 (Dec 14-10)

Round 4 - Landry Sparks (Central Heights) 4-3 won by fall over Baylie Wieneke (West Franklin) 0-5 (Fall 1:18)

Round 5 - Taylor Baxter (Lyons) 8-3 won by fall over Landry Sparks (Central Heights) 4-3 (Fall 1:04)

110
Ebony Hughes (7-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.
Round 1 - Ebony Hughes (Central Heights) 7-2 won by fall over Kennedy Grizzle (Lyons) 12-2 (Fall 3:46)

Heights) 7-2 won by fall over Skyla Martin (West Franklin) 1-10 (Fall 0:24)

Round 3 - Ebony Hughes (Central Heights) 7-2 won by decision over Khloe Lif (Council Grove) 4-6 (Dec 8-3)

Round 4 - Kegan Motter (ElDorado) 15-0 won by fall over Ebony Hughes (Central Heights) 7-2 (Fall 1:18)

Round 5 - Ebony Hughes (Central Heights) 7-2 won by fall over Aubri Rohrer (Wellington) 8-8 (Fall 0:33)

120
Faith Coons (4-5) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.
Round 1 - Faith Coons (Central Heights) 4-5 won by fall over Josslyn Miller (Fredonia) 4-8 (Fall 5:14)

won by fall over Faith Coons (Central Heights) 4-5 (Fall 5:04)

Round 4 - Kylee Sly (Herington) 9-2 won by fall over Faith Coons (Central Heights) 4-5 (Fall 3:12)

Round 5 - Jessa Elstun (Council Grove) 2-3 won by fall over Faith Coons (Central Heights) 4-5 (Fall 0:36)

130
Paige Powell (4-3) placed 5th and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Keely Chesmore (Mission Valley) 6-3 won by fall over Paige Powell (Central Heights) 4-3 (Fall 0:47)

(Bye)

5th Place Match - Paige Powell (Central Heights) 4-3 won by fall over Marah Kuhn (Lyons) 2-10 (Fall 1:09)

140
Julie Platt (5-4) placed 4th and scored 12.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Julie Platt (Central Heights) 5-4 won by fall over Kaydance Zirkel (Chase County) 2-6 (Fall 0:32)

3rd Place Match - Avery Kroeger (ElDorado) 10-4 won by fall over Julie Platt (Central Heights) 5-4 (Fall 1:58)

155
Kinsley Shaffer (1-6) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.
Round 1 - Aryana Vance (ElDorado) 13-2 won by decision over Kinsley Shaffer (Central Heights) 1-6 (Dec 14-7)

AC women grapplers compete at Wellsville

WELLSVILLE - The Anderson County Lady Bulldog wrestlers battled at Wellsville last Thursday, December 19, and came home with three first place and three second place finishes in their Division.

Ashlyn Nelson (120) won the C-Division with a win by fall (0:10) over Gabbie Garger of Osawatomie and by fall (0:30) over Cheyanne Wilson of Bonner Springs.

Avery Coyer (135) won the B-Division with a pair of wins by fall as well. First win was over Keziah Moses (Fall 3:58) of Baldwin and over Grace

Richter (Fall 2:33) of Paola.

Danika Metcalfe (125) finished 2nd with a win by decision (14-12) over Zayda Wieland of Paola and a win by tech fall (TF-1.5 1:38 (15-0)) over Mia Silva of Bonner Springs before losing her final match against Brooklyn Taylor of Baldwin by fall (4:57).

Hayden Wright (145) finished second in the B-Division with a win in round 1 over Aleah Jenkis of Prairie View by fall (1:29) before losing to Kimberlee Eastwood of Prairie View by fall (1:11).

Marlee Hollon (140) placed

second in the B-Division with a pair of losses to Julie Platt of Central Heights, both by fall (0:40 & 0:54).

Emma Bauman (120) finished 3rd in the B-Division with losses to Ivy Holloman of Baldwin by fall (1:11) and to Raya Eagle of Pleasant Ridge by fall (0:39).

Maci Keith (115) lost all 3 of her matches on the day to finish 4th. She was defeated by fall to Colie Clouse of Pleasant Ridge, Kenisyn Gochenour of Prarie View and Page Castagno of Baldwin.

Lady Viking wrestlers finish with 3 wins at Wellsville

WELLSVILLE - It was a successful day at Wellsville last Thursday, December 19, as a trio of Central Heights Lady Vikings finished atop their classes.

Ebony Hayes (11) led the way with a win by fall (0:17) over Lydia Fritz of Bonner Springs in the top class.

Landry Sparks (100) won the B-Class with two wins by fall (1:08 & 3:53) over Lydia Payne of Baldwin.

Julie Platt (140) also won the B-Class with a pair of wins by fall (0:40 & 0:54) over Marlee

Hollon of Anderson County.

Paige Powell (130) finished 2nd in the C-Division with a win by fall (1:15) over Jaielyn Duffy of Baldwin before losing by fall (1:17) to Alexis Blackard of Pleasant Ridge.

Kinsley Shaffer (155) finished 2nd in the B-Division with a round 1 by fall (3:42) over Alivia Hickman of Uniontown and lost in the ensuing round to Aaralyn Osborn of Prairie View by fall (2:33).

Faith Coons (120) finished 3rd by dropping a pair of matches. The first was by

fall (1:54) to Naomi Mathis of Bonner Springs and the second was by fall (5:34) to Brailee Wicker of Paola.

Skylar Dyerson-Fritchman (170) finished the day with a fourth place finish. She opened with a loss by fall (2:56) to Daisy Ellis of Shawnee Mission South. Next was a loss by decision (4-0) to Rebecca Lewis of Prairie View before dropping her 3rd match to Justice McWilliams of Baldwin by forfeit.

Bulldogs competes in Ottawa Dual

OTTAWA - The AC grapplers finished 5th in the Ottawa Dual Tournament last Saturday.

They opened by defeating Ottawa 42-30.

Holton was dominate in round 2 with a commanding 63-9 win over the Bulldogs.

Osawatomie squeaked out a round 3 win over Anderson County 36-33.

In the fourth round, Hayden

had the upperhand over the Bulldogs winning the match 54-30.

After a round 5 bye, in round 6 the Bulldogs edged out Wellsville 33-27.

Round 7 went to Prairie View as they downed the Bulldogs 53-24.

A large part of some of the losses came as the Bulldogs had just 10 wrestlers competing,

making them the second smallest team. This makes duals difficult to win when teams can advance in a particular weight class with no competition.

Holton had 20 wrestlers, Prairie View 15, Hayden 13 and both Osawatomie and Ottawa had 11. Wellsville had the fewest with just 7.

Strong second half propels Lancers boys to win

COLONY - The Crest Lancers closed out the pre-holiday schedule with a 3-2 record following a 54-35 victory at home last Tuesday, December 17th, against Oswego.

Crest jumped out to an early 10-6 lead after the first quarter but saw Oswego chip a point off that deficit with a 7-6 second quarter advantage to make the halftime score 16-13.

The Lancers came out of the halftime break clicking on all

cylinders scoring 21 points in the third quarter while limiting Oswego to just 7 to take a comfortable 37-20 break heading into the fourth.

Crest in the fourth quarter again outdid their entire first half total of 16 points with a 17-point fourth quarter to hold on for an impressive 19-point victory.

It was a balanced effort offensively as the Lancers had 4 players in double figures led

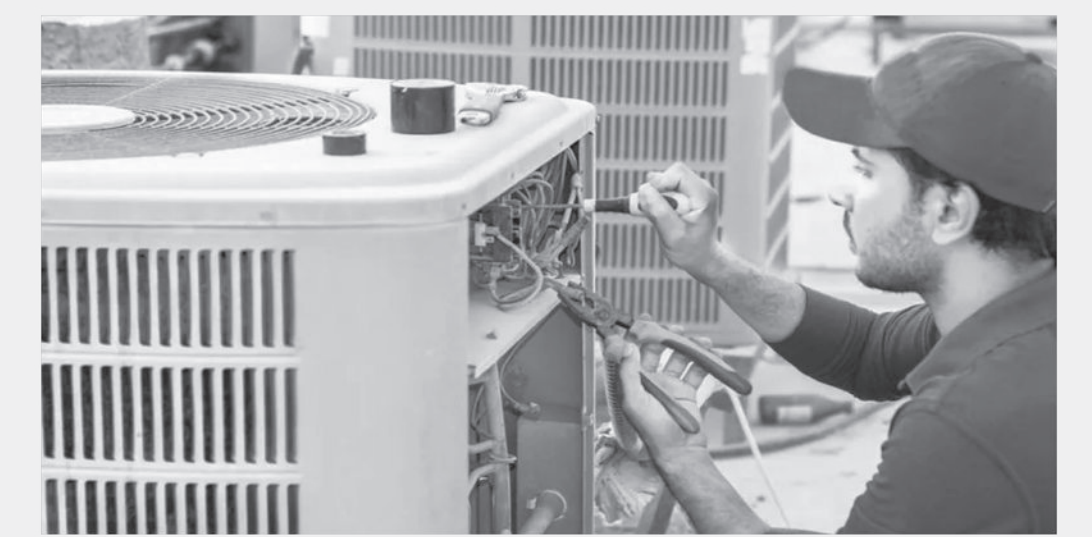
by 13 points from Levi Prasko. Prasko added 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

Kole Walter added 11 and both Jacob Zimmerman and Denton Ramsey tallied 10 points on the night to help lead the way.

Zimmerman added 8 rebounds, 4 steals and 4 assists and Ramsey led the team with 6 assists on the night.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 26, 2024
 2:00 p.m. - Harvesters Emergency Food Assistance
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 27, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, December 30, 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

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
New Year's Eve - Holiday may effect schedule.
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2, 2025
 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 Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - BOE Monthly Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, January 3, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, January 6, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting



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Last week, Central Heights cross country runner Cody Hammond, front middle, signed his letter of intent to run at Park University in Missouri. Pictured with him at the signing are: Pictured with Cody in the front row are his parents Aaron Hammond and Renee Bellerive. Back row, from left are: Rusty Cannady (Asst. XC Coach at CH), Troy Prosser (Head XC/Track Coach CH), Ricky Hacker (Head Coach Park University).

Garnett Library to host "Noon" Year's Eve Party

Too young, too old or just too tired to stay up until midnight? Join us at the Garnett Public Library at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, as we count

down to NOON!

There will be stories, pictures, dancing, crafts, bingo, refreshments and of course a count down!

This is a family friendly event and geared toward youth, but all ages are welcome to attend. Questions? Give the library a call at 785-448-3388.

County Attorney wins honorable mention award

Anderson County Attorney Elizabeth Oliver has won an honorable mention award bestowed by the Kansas County & District Attorneys Association for the Fall/Winter 2024 awards period.

In October 2023, Oliver successfully tried and appealed the Jeremy Fudge case, which established important case law regarding the admissibility of Intoxilyzer 9000 breath test results in Kansas. She secured numerous convictions in a

range of cases, including felony DUI, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor domestic battery.

Notably, Oliver achieved a conviction in the Isidro Madrid case in which the defendant was found guilty of 16 counts of off-grid Jessica's Law offenses.

"Known for her compassion, Oliver is dedicated to working closely with law enforcement, victims and her community," said her nomination announcement in The Kansas Prosecutor magazine, "where she is actively involved in local organizations and frequently participates in Law Day presentations for local schools."



Oliver

Wards win pitch - Next week gift exchange

On the 19th of December eighteen players came together for an enjoyable evening playing 10 games of 13-point pitch.

Taking the highest honor was Jan Wards winning seven of 10 games. Kyle Trendel won the 50/50, Don Smith had the most perfect hands with three and JoHanna Lankard won the

least number of games.

We had a great time and really good snacks. Next week we will have our white elephant gift exchange.

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Bulldogs are experienced, need to build depth

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The Anderson County Bulldogs return their top two scorers from last year's team that finished the season 10-12.

Bulldogs head coach Dan Ray is entering his 6th season and could very well have his best team since taking over the reigns.

The 2022-23 team finished 14-10, which ranks as the most wins in a season over his first 5 seasons.

The two-headed monster of Brayden Wheat and Noah Porter will lead the way.

Porter, a senior, averaged 17.3 points per game and also averaged 9.2 rebounds per game last year.

Sophomore Brayden Wheat averaged 10.9 points per game.

Preston Kueser and A.J. Hawkins were 3rd and 4th on the team in scoring last year as they were the only players lost due to graduation.

Filling out the rotation are seniors Eli Martin, Jack Dykes and Camryn Wilson along with juniors Aidan Steele, Christian Barnett and Brylan Sommer.

Depth will be important as this Bulldog team shoots for a postseason run. How the roster fills in around Porter and Wheat is key to how successful this team can be.



Anderson County Boys Basketball. Front row, from left: Christian Barnett, Rigin Jasper, Brayden Wheat, Eli Martin, Owen Rockers, Camryn Wilson. Back row: Coach Jake Smith, Coach Ricky Rios, Khloe McCarty (Manager), Aidan Steele, Brylan Sommer, Noah Porter, Jack Dykes, Dylan Hoffman, Coleson Foltz, Beau Howey, Coach Dan Ray, Jordan Miller (Manager).

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Lady Bulldogs have a new coach, are young and inexperienced

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - It's not often that a team has to replace so much production but that is exactly what first year coach Paige Ferguson is facing as the Anderson County Bulldogs not only lose 6 seniors from last year's team, but also the 5 top scorers as well.

The Bulldogs were 19-4 last year, but fell short of that elusive trip to the state tournament.

Gone are Caitlyn Foltz, Kylie Disbrow, Rilyn Sommer, Addie Fudge, Lexi Overstreet and Kailyn Honn.

This group accounted for 90% of the team's scoring, 87% of the rebounds, 66% of the assists and 94% of the team's blocks.

Needless to say, that leaves a lot of production to fill and an unexperienced group to do it.

Ferguson will lean on her past experience as an assistant coach at Blue Valley High School and coaching a club team to help build up her young squad.

Returning players include seniors Taylor Clark, juniors Hope Hill, Addy Kueser, Brylie Kohlmeier, Lindsey Carter and sophomores Rylee Hill, Madi Reichard, Brooklyn Kellerman and Bree Schafer.

Coach Ferguson acknowledges that her team is young but likes the potential they have shown early on.

Ferguson stated, "We are a very young squad, but very excited for this group to continue to grow and get better throughout this season and the coming years."



Anderson County Girls Basketball. Front row, from left: Khloe McCarty (Manager), Hope Hill, Rylee Hill, Maura Rockers, Taylor Clark, Lilly Kent, Maliah Brewer-Velvic, Madilyn Reichard, Jordan Miller (Manager). Back row: Brook Hughes (Manager), Coach Paige Ferguson, Brooke Kellerman, Addy Kueser, Lyndsay Hughes, Brylie Kohlmeier, Bree Schafer, Addy Sommer, Lindsey Carey, Coach Bryan Johnston.

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tinue to grow and get better throughout this season and the coming years." "There is a lot of potential for the future," Ferguson added.

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Bulldog wrestling is very young, 8 of 11 are freshmen

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The future of Anderson County Bulldog wrestling is taking shape as a majority of the roster are freshman sprinkled in with a trio of quality juniors to help pave the way.

This will challenge head coach Jeremy McAdam who is in his 10th year coaching both at the high school and also at the youth level.

Last year the Bulldogs took 7 wrestlers to Regionals and 4 of them qualified for State.

A solid group of graduating seniors will be missed. They include AJ Schaffer, Masten Wright Jr., Colton Wittman and Porter Foltz.

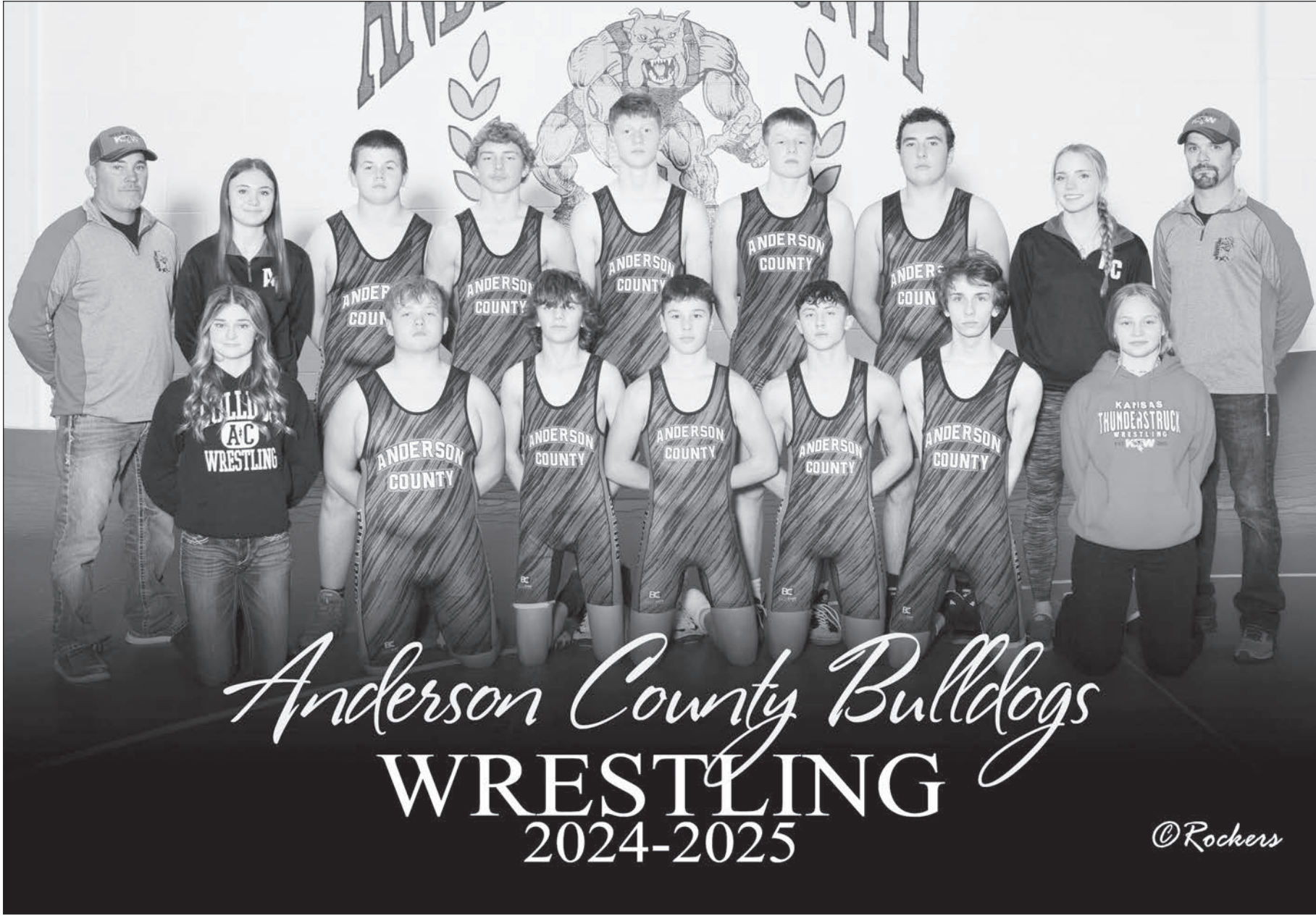
Wright and Schaffer led the way as they both had previously placed at the state tournament.

In the past, Coach McAdam built a tough schedule to challenge his squad so that when regionals roll around they are battle tested. This year with so much youth the schedule will look a little different.

"We will be changing it up a bit to get better mat time for the younger wrestlers," McAdam stated.

Returning juniors are Owen Thompson (138), Gunshow Weers (120) and Zach Schaffer (150). They will be joined by freshmen Gavin Collins (106), Chase McClain (120), Braxton Williams (126), Lucas Mills (150), Brody Kohlmeier (165), Donovan Zimbleman (190) and Cowen Wittman (215) and Colton Dilley (215)

Coach McAdam just wants to keep the roster intact and build this group up for years to come.



Anderson County Boys Wrestling. Front row, from left: Front Row:MaKenna Goetz (manager), Colton Dilley, Gaven Collins, Brody McClain, Braxton Williams, Gunshow Weers, Nora Thompson (manager). Back: Coach Jeremy McAdam, Maggie

Self (manager), Cowen Wittman, Owen Thompson, Lucas Mills, Brody Kohlmeier, Donovan Zimbleman, Sylvan Troyer, Coach Keegan Barnes.

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Lady Bulldogs looking to get a wrestler to State

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - With women's wrestling still being in its infant stages, it can be a battle year in and year out to just build a decent roster and in the 4th season for head coach of the Anderson County Bulldogs, Maggie Price has a decent sized squad with 8 girls on the team after having just 5 a season ago.

Four of the 5 wrestlers return from last year as the only graduating wrestler is Taryn Morrow, who will still come back at times to help the team.

Returners include senior Danika Metcalfe (125 lbs), junior Avery Cooper (135) and sophomores Marlee Hollon (140) and Serenity Boothe (145).

This group brought home several medals last year from big tournaments including Burlington, Fredonia and the Pioneer League Tournament.

"We have a lot of new athletes who have never been on the mat before," Coach Price stated.

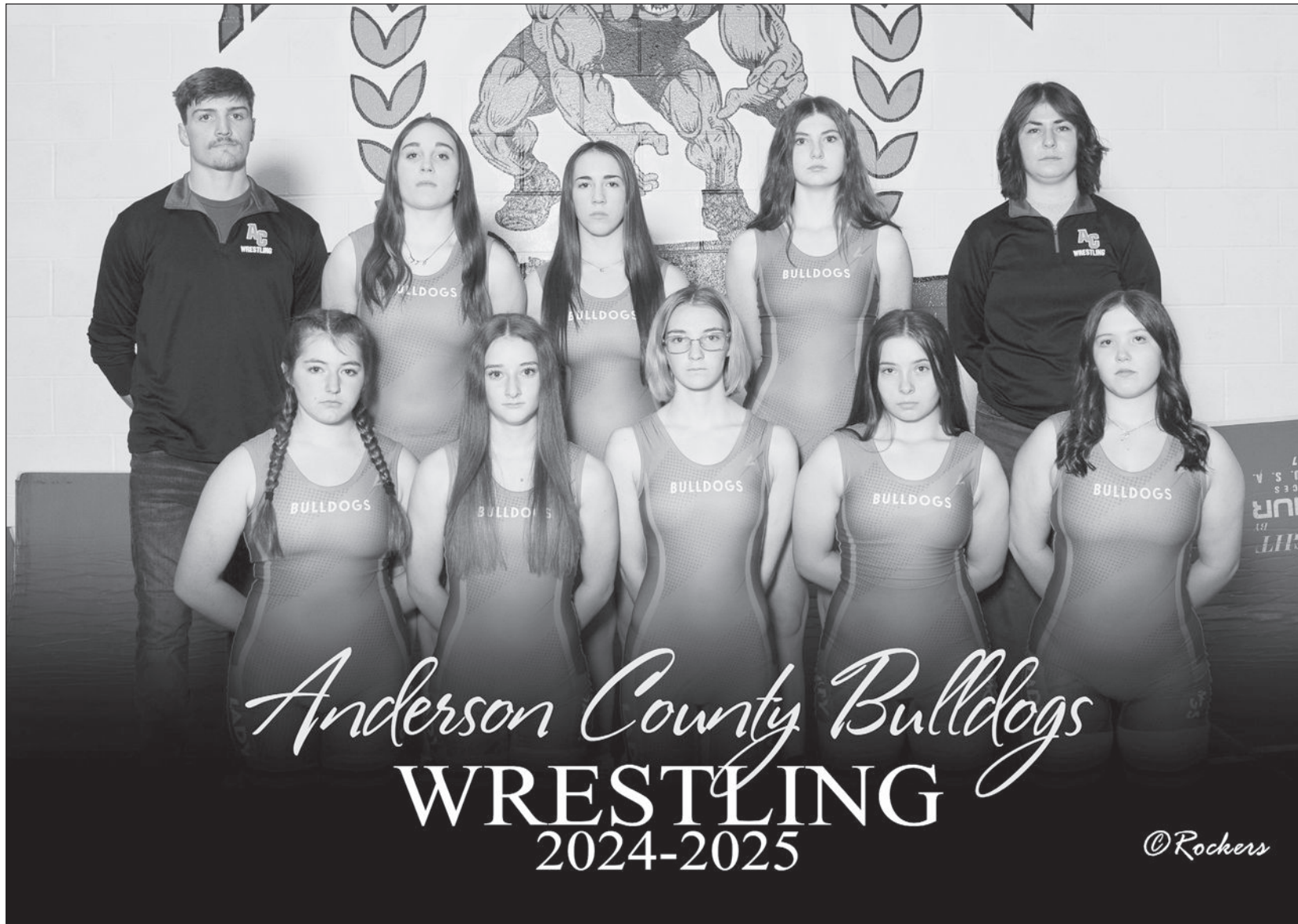
Price added, "I look for them to make a lot of progress."

Metcalfe is the one that heading into the season really stands out as the athlete she would like her younger wrestlers to look up to.

"She never gives up," Price said. "She has a true heart and is a privilege to witness."

Coach Price is pleased to have an assistant coach this year as Coach Ryland Wright will help Price being able to focus on getting her younger athletes up to speed while refining the skills of her more experienced athletes.

"I believe the returning wrestlers have a real chance at qualifying for state and bringing home a lot of hardware throughout the season," Coach Price concluded.



Anderson County Girls Wrestling. From left: Obree Barnes, Maci Keith, Emma Baumann, Marlee Hollon, Serenity Boothe. Back row: Coach Ryland Wright, Hayden Wright, Danika Metcalfe, Ashlyn Nelson, Coach Maggie Price.

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Vikings looking to replace 6 seniors lost to graduation

RICHMOND - It's very rarely an early recipe for success if a team graduates nearly all of their production and throw in the fact that a new coach is taking over, which is exactly what the Central Heights boy's basketball team is facing this season.

First year coach Buddy Welch is staring these long odds directly in the face.

Last year's team went 12-10 after a 2-8 start through the first 10 games. The Vikings reeled off 9 straight wins to conclude the season before losing their final game to Lyndon.

The biggest loss off of last year's team is Ethan Rowan. Rowan averaged 18.9 points per game, 14 rebounds and had 4.5 blocks per game.

Five other seniors from last year's team also graduated. They include Laiken Brockus and Jose Velez who each scored 6 points per game and the trio of Kyle Bellinger, Alex Skeet and Carter Kimball who all averaged 5 points per contest.

The top returning scorers are junior Brylan Sommer who averaged 6 points per game and senior Connor Burkdoll who chipped in with 4 points per game.

Young Lancers hope to build on experience gained last season

RICHMOND - Adam Horstick takes over for the Central Heights Lady Vikings basketball team as he enters his first season as the team is coming off a 4-17 finish a year ago.

The Vikings opened the season losing their first 14 games of the season before winning 4 of their final 7.

This gives Coach Horstick a little to build upon. Central Heights had just 8 players on the roster last year so they had that to overcome all season long.

The team didn't have any seniors, so they earned some very valuable experience along the way.

Leading the returning players is junior Macy Cubit who averaged 10.5 points and nearly 4 rebounds per game.

Addy Ouellette, senior, chipped in with 8 points, 5 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game.

and Sydney Evans added 5.4 and 4 points per game respectively. Evans led the team with 6 rebounds per contest.

"We have a different schedule this year as we are switching to the Three Rivers League," Coach Horstick said when asked to evaluate the schedule.

"We still have competitive teams on our schedule that will require us to play good basketball all season long," Horstick added.

Coach Horstick plans to play aggressive defense to try and create turnovers and try to turn them into transition baskets on the offensive end.

"We would like to at least double our win total from last season and host a first round sub-state game," Coach Horstick stated when asked what his team's expectations were.

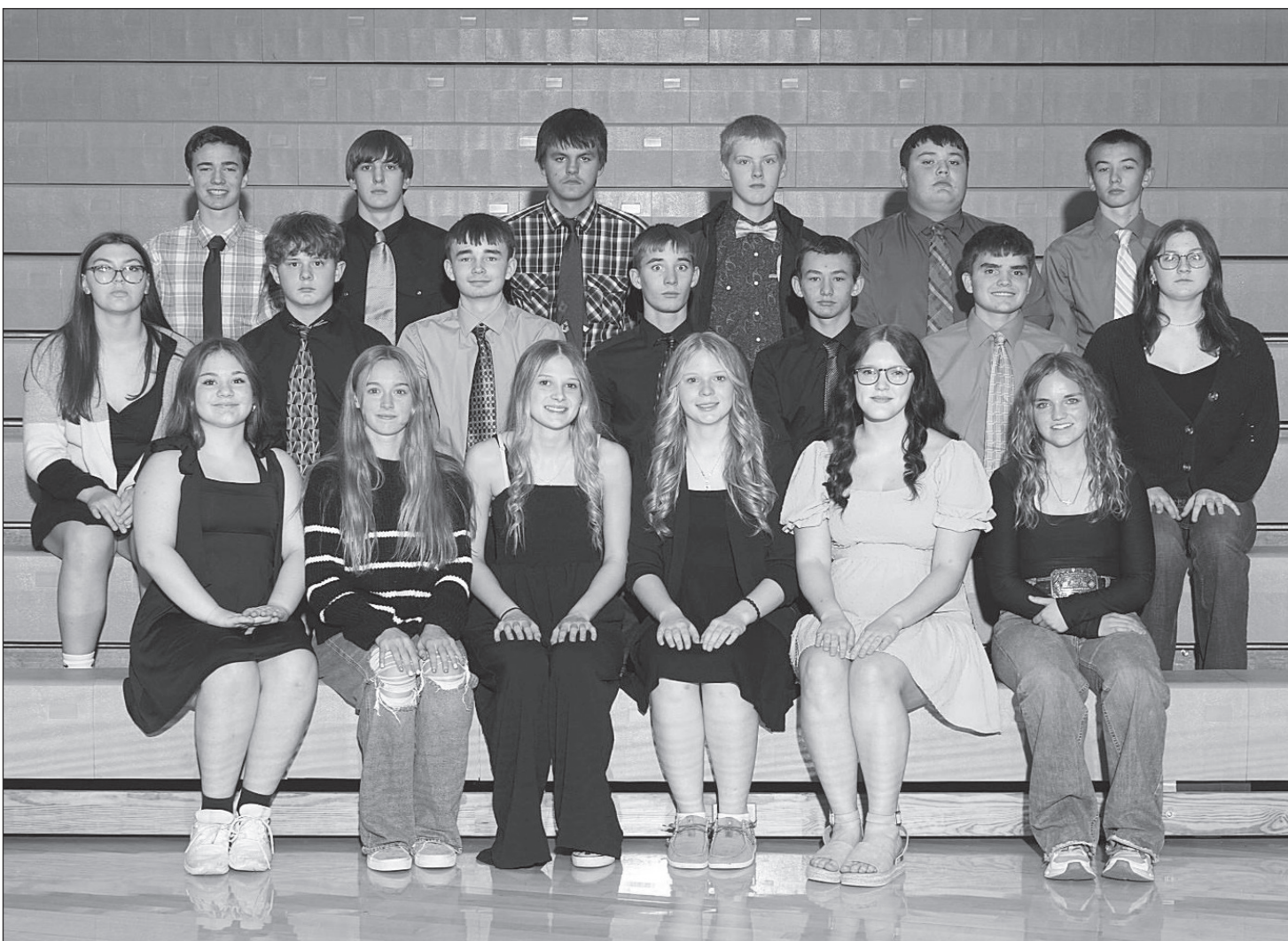
Seniors Melaney Chrisjohn



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Central Heights Boys Basketball. Front row, from left: Knox Cannady, Ethan Kraft, Colt King, Chase Bones, Aydan Dunbar, Brooks Hamilton, Mathew Dunbar. Second row: Payton Miller, Max Chrisjohn, Aidan Howland, Dustin Smith, Stetson Miller, Landon Lickteig, Reed Compton. Back row: Kaiden Reeder, Hal Higbie, London Marquette, Riley Sprinkle, Landon Lopez, Hans Higbie, Kord Stroup.



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Central Heights Girls Basketball. Front row, from left: Addy Ouellette, Abigail Roulett, Sydney Evans, Melaney Chrisjohn. Second row: Arabella Dunbar, Cayleigh Latimer, Macy Cubit, Swaye Kershner, Ashley Harkins, Alaina Wade. Back Row: Hannah Matile, Lily Burkdoll, Carly Matile, Maya Acebron.



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Central Heights Wrestling. Front row, from left: Ava Jones, Ebony Hughes, Charley Roehl, Paige Powell, Skylar Dyerson-Fritchman, Faith Coons. Second row: Kinsley Shaffer, Sam Powell, Michael Wilson, Caleb Detwiler, Josiah Meyer, Cash Miller, Julie Platt. Back Row: Royce Ulrich, Gage Peine, Max Blankenbeker, Jayden Mooney-Robinson, Cooper Tush, Jotham Meyer.

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Crest Lancer boys undersized but will utilize depth to help overcome

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY – The Crest Lancers were 10-10 last season and are looking to replace two all-league players, so they will have their work cut out for them heading into head coach Dakota Sporing's 4th year on the sidelines.

"Some of those wins came against solid teams that will help us look back as we proved to ourselves we can compete and beat teams that are bigger than us," Coach Sporing stated.

The key players lost to graduation were Ryan Golden who was first team all-league and was also honorable mention all-state last year. Also graduated was Rogan Weir who was an all-league player as well.

Coach Sporing will rely on senior returning players Gentry McGhee, Denton Ramsey and Zimmerman as well as junior Levi Prasko to lead the squad.

Filling out the rotation will be junior Henry White, sophomore

Lane Yocham and freshman Kole Walter.

"I feel we will be bringing in a good mix of new faces with our guys that have been getting minutes for a few years now," Coach Sporing said.

Coach feels his squad can compete at the top of the league and looks to make a run during the postseason.

Size is a concern though but its something he thinks his squad can overcome.

"We will probably be a lot smaller than most of the teams we see this year with only two guys over 6 foot tall," Coach Sporing said. "To help with that we will need to be connected on the defensive end to be in good help positions as well as I think we will be able to bother other teams with our speed and quickness at times."

"We should have some depth this year as well to where we can keep legs fresh and keep up our intensity on both ends of the floor throughout a game," Sporing concluded.



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Crest Boys Basketball. Front row, from left: Ethan Flyingman, Kole Walter, Max Disbrow, Koii Miller, Daylan Nicholas, Charlie Slyter, William Disbrow, Ben DeTar. Back Row: Lane Yocham, Tristan Boone, Levi Prasko, Denton Ramsey, Jacob Zimmerman, Gentry McGhee, Henry White, Roy Gordon, Xander Fuller. Not pictured: Coach Dakotah Sporing and Assistant Coach Nick McAnulty.

Lady Lancers look to repeat as league champions, advance in post-season

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY – In just his third season leading the Crest Lady Lancers, head coach Steve Zimmerman has gone 10-12 in his first year and improved to 15-6 in year two, so the team has been on a great trajectory early on in his tenure.

Crest was a perfect 11-0 in league play last year to win the Three Rivers League Champions.

"The expectations remain high and we look forward to defending our league championship," Coach Zimmerman said.

The third season will come with challenges early on as the team will attempt to replace 4 year starter and all-league player Kayla Hermreck who graduated last year.

Leading the charge will be returners seniors Cursten Allen (5.5 points per game) and Karlee Boots (5 points, 5 rebounds).

Zimmerman stated, "Both will be key pieces in how well we do this season."

Coach said that Boots is the team's best athlete and

can do a variety of different things and is great at driving the ball to the basketball and said that Allen is the team's best shooter.

"I look forward to watching our two seniors captains lead the team," Zimmerman said.

Juniors Aylee Beckmon (9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals) and Kinley Edgerton (6 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block) will also be keys to this year's success.

Beckmon was all-league last year and can "simply do things that other players can't do" according to her coach.

Edgerton will be a force on the block as she led the team in blocked shots and was second on the team in rebounds last year.

The team's fifth starter will be Jaycee Schmidt. This will be her first season as a starter but her coach is excited to see her grow into her new role.

Rounding out the rotation are Aubrey Allen, Gracyn Ellington, Lizzie Ellington, Summer Valentine and Allison Weatherman.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights of Anderson County news from the past year

January

Although some county court systems in the state are now back online, Anderson County District Court is among those in Kansas still without remote Internet access or electronic filing ability, as the Kansas Judicial Branch continues to struggle with service restoration after an October's statewide computer system hack. At least 25 state school board associations canceled their membership with the National School Boards Association (NSBA) after it labeled parents "domestic terrorists," but Kansas remains a member, and some of the state's school districts are sending board members to its conferences. Marla Bain won the \$1,000 grand prize in the Anderson County Review's Great Christmas Giveaway shopping promotion, along with other runner up winners Cathy Hoke, George Bennett, Goldie Kirkland, Helen Miller, Pauline Hermann, Michelle Moyer and Rebecca Miller. While the State of Kansas sits on its biggest pot of tax-generated spare cash in state history – some \$2.8 billion – you'll save an extra \$2 for every \$100 in groceries you buy as of the first of this month with the implementation of the legislature's recent food sales tax reduction. Newly-elected Garnett City Commissioner Nate Wiehl is set to be sworn into office at tonight's regular Garnett City Commission meeting, taking the seat as the city starts the new year facing a host of continuing challenges in various areas of its operations. Colony Christian Church is planning a new church building project this year. The City of Garnett adopts a proclamation for National School Choice Week effectively taking a side in the highly politically charged issue of school choice, but no one at city hall seems to know how the topic was placed on the city commission's agenda. Jonah Pate wins \$100 in an impromptu snowman contest sponsored by the Anderson County Review after a covering of perfect snowman snow falls on the region. USD 365, Crest and Central Heights school districts are determining how many students they can serve above their current head count as of the beginning of January, in anticipation of possible growth – or loss – in head count after the state's new open enrollment law takes effect. Unified School District 365 board members will meet in a series of closed-door dinner gatherings this week to interview candidates for the upcoming vacancy in the district superintendent's position. County treasurer Dena McDaniel and Third District County Commissioner Dave Pracht say they likely will not run for re-election in the 2024 elections. Garnett native Steve Wilson, who retired from a career in civil law in Wichita before recently moving back to Garnett, announces he'll seek the office Anderson County Attorney this year. ACHS Winter Homecoming candidates this year are Hope Goetz, Reagan Witherspoon, Addie Fudge, Gabe Wright, A.J. Schaffer and Easton Mead. Eighty-one year-old Isidro Madrid of Colony was found guilty on 16 counts of child rape and other sex charges last week in connection with the long-term molestation of three female family members. – In one fell swoop of her veto pen on Friday, Governor Laura Kelly denied tax relief to 341,000 low-income Kansas taxpayers who, under the Republican tax relief bill HB 2284, would have had their income taxes reduced to "0." The 4th Judicial District nominating committee met in a conference call Friday to schedule meetings for the upcoming replacement of Anderson County Magistrate Judge Kevin Kimball, who will retire March 1.

February

John Rutherford, the Marion County man convicted in Anderson County in 2006 on child molestation who failed in his 2008 appeal, is asking Governor Laura Kelly for mercy and to release him

from his 32-year prison sentence. Ninth District Kansas Representative Fred Gardner is one of numerous co-signors on a Kansas House resolution calling on Governor Laura Kelly for a proclamation of support for Texas' ongoing attempts to secure the nation's southern border. Kansas State University Research and Extension is refusing to say whether a controversial transgender housing policy at its 4-H camps allowing campers to pick their boy/girl accommodations based on their declared gender remains in effect, after allegations are made the policy violates the state's Women's Bill of Rights. Local entrepreneur and pastoral leader Reuben Esh passes away suddenly. A house-fire mid-month destroyed the home and belongings of Tim and Patty Benton of Welda, but no injuries were reported in the blaze. Anderson County Hospital Emergency Medical Services Director Troy Armstrong, who was on site assisting at the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl win rally last week, says the level of organization and preparation for emergency at the event as well as life-saving first aid rendered immediately by members of the crowd, no doubt saved lives in the Chiefs rally shooting. Kansas Bureau of Investigation officers have arrested Jason Marnell of Richmond who they believe injured his newborn son in an incident in mid-January which resulted in the boy's death on January 28th. Taxpayers and district officials in Crest USD 479 will see interest savings of some \$832,000 for the 20-year bond issue for facility construction recently passed, all due to a reduction in interest rates. The USD 365 Board of Education has announced the selection of Dr. Ryan Most as the new Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2024. Masten Wright, A.J. Schaffer, Owen Thompson, Zach Schaffer, Baker Moore and Gavin Peine represent ACHS at the state wrestling tournament. A software update gone awry fouls thousands of AT&T service connected cell phones, including some in the local area. Families of alleged Chiefs rally shooters set up online donation sites requesting money for their hospital costs.

March

With the clock ticking to the 6-month mark into Anderson County's 1-year moratorium against industrial solar farm developments, commissioners got an offer recently of free assistance in the crafting of possible upcoming wind and solar policies from Bob Harrington, Bourbon County Economic Development director and one of Kansas' pre-eminent advocates for renewable energy. James L. Chambers, the Garnett man who held law officers at bay for several hours in October in an armed standoff on North Oak Street, will be in Anderson County District Court today for a preliminary hearing on charges of assault on a law enforcement officer, domestic battery and criminal threat in connection with the incident. A Lyon County judge has dismissed a protection from stalking order filed against Review Publisher Dane Hicks by Garnett's former economic development director Sherry Harrison of Emporia, after Harrison objected to questions in news coverage of her claims of emotional abuse from city staff and her demand for a cash settlement. Red Dirt music legend Stoney LaRue will join the Cornstock performance lineup along with Dylan Scott. Reagan Witherspoon and Brodie Wiesner recently qualified for state vocal and state band respectively. Several ACHS FFA students drive their tractors to school to celebrate National FFA Week. A plea deal may be in the works for Evan Ladewig, the local man accused of possessing child pornography, which will knock down his initial charges from 18 felonies to 10 with an arraignment scheduled for district court on March 18. Anderson County voters will cast their ballots

next week in a greatly inconsequential Kansas Presidential Preference Primary, since the presidential contenders for both the Democrat and Republican Party are already confirmed. As public pressure mounts, Third District Kansas Congresswoman Sharice Davids follows 37 other Democrats in switching their votes in favor of the detention of illegal immigrants who are charged with additional crimes, after previously opposing the measure named after murdered Athens Georgia nursing student Laken Riley. A new state audit says the six Kansas state universities spent \$45 million on various Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) activities during the 2022-2023 school year and received \$116 million from foreign countries, half of which from China and India. Crest Scholar's Bowl Team of Breakin Jones, Neveah Meats, Kim Coleman, Gage Jones and Preston Blaufuss placed 4th in the recent Wichita meet among 14 competing schools. Ben Wuertz of Central heights won the \$1,000 First Prize at the Franklin County Young Entrepreneur Competition hosted by Ottawa University, presenting his business plan for "Wuertz Eggs." Crest Lancer senior Kayla Hermreck and sophomore Aylee Beckmon won slots on the TRL First Team in the 23/24 basketball season in coaches league honor votes and were joined by Kinley Edgerton who received an honorable mention selection. Sheriff's department investigators in McDonald County, Mo., and specialists with the Missouri State Highway Patrol believe they have solved the 1990 rape and murder case of a Shauna Harvey, born Shauna Garber, who was formerly in foster care in Garnett in the mid 1970s-early 1980s. Local VFW and American Legion members are protesting the condition of the county's new veterans memorial, which was hampered by computer problems and never provided the level of high-tech digital interactivity promised to taxpayers and donors who paid some \$400,000 for the structure on the county courtyard. Less than 11 percent of local Democrats and Republicans take part in the presidential preference primary, and 25 percent of those Democrats select the "none of names shown" ballot option. With gasoline prices still around \$3.50 per gallon, Congresswoman Sharice Davids and other Democrats refuse to join Republicans in a resolution condemning the restrictive energy policies of Joe Biden which many blame for continued high energy prices.

April

Welda's Isidro Madrid, 80, is sentenced to 16 life terms in state prison for decades of sexual abuse against his granddaughters and family members. Though the upcoming solar eclipse won't be seen in its totality in Eastern Kansas, it still promises a rare celestial show. Country legacy performer Pam Tillis joins the Cornstock lineup for this coming fall concert on the hill. The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore after it was hit by a cargo ship on Tuesday will likely upset the flow of goods across the country reaching all the way to Kansas. Garnett Rotarians kick in \$20,000 for improvements to the Legion Field baseball complex near the Anderson County Fairgrounds complex, funds raised after decades of successful fundraising projects in the community. Former Anderson County Sheriff's Deputy Hayden Seabolt, who was fired last summer for admittedly purchasing alcohol for minors, has had his state law enforcement certification revoked. A mandated inventory of available classroom space for area schools pursuant to the new open enrollment law passed by the Kansas Legislature shows ACHS with available space for 115 additional students. The Anderson County Historical Society has undertaken a project to preserve and develop a photo collection shot by local

portrait photography Philip Strain after receiving a grant from Humanities Kansas last November. Newly appointed Garnett Municipal Court Judge Steve Wilson says the style of dress and conduct exhibited by many patrons in city court flies in the face of proper decorum, so as of now a dress code and other rules will be enforced. Engineers say repairs to the city sewer and stormwater systems to keep runoff from overwhelming the wastewater treatment system will cost \$17.8 million. The newspaper in Marion, Kansas, has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the City of Marion, its police chief and city commissioners for an illegal raid on the paper's offices in August of last year. Crest senior Zander Robb signs with FSCC college on a rodeo scholarship. Central Heights Viking junior Cody Hammond broke a 21 year-old school record in the 1600m and his own 800m school record at the Lawrence Free State meet on 4/12/24. Anderson County Attorney Elizabeth Oliver says she was not awarded a 6% cost of living increase this year along with other county employees – not because she's not affected by inflated living costs like other staff – but because county commissioners take issue with the hours she keeps her office open. Local congresswoman Sharice Davids sides with anti-Israel forces in the U.S. Congress to vote against a measure that would allow congress to review any easing of sanctions with Iran by the president or U.S. State Department. Colony native Ken Church will portray Mark Twain at the upcoming meeting of the Anderson County Historical Society. Kansas Law Officers are searching for a Wyandotte County woman, Shi Kinney, wanted for first degree murder after the Garnett man she was in a relationship with allegedly died after consuming her Fentanyl. County commissioners say they're giving up seeking a legal remedy to force a vendor to fix the computer kiosks on the county's \$400,000 Veterans Memorial, and instead will go with a different method of delivering the information that hopefully will make the local veterans database available to people worldwide. A two-year-long schism within the now closed Garnett First Baptist Church has devolved into a lawsuit over the scuttled sale of the church parsonage, which the pastor and some followers claim authority to sell but which other church members thwarted with a sworn affidavit that disavowed their authority. As the local campaign season heats up with some contentious local races, city and county leaders dive into the specifics of political sign ordinances regarding the display of signs in the City of Garnett and the county at large. Months of drought are met with a series of April storms that dump more than 7 inches of rain on the local area over a period of days. Cross country and track standout from Central Heights Emma Cubit signs a letter of intent to compete at Allen County Community College next fall.

May

Marvin Slyter's defense attorney files a motion to suppress extensive amounts of evidence in Slyter's wide-ranging farm equipment theft case in Anderson County District Court, contending the warrant and the search it authorized both violated Slyter's civil rights. Local Vietnam Vet and VFW/American Legion leader Clarence Hermann is honored with an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Anderson County Hospital Auxiliary scholarships winners are Reagan Witherspoon and Brenna Kohlmeier. Kindergarten through 6th grade students at Greeley Elementary delivered handmade May baskets to residents around town. The baskets were filled with handmade, paper flowers and a variety of candy. The tradition of delivering May baskets offered a simple, yet fun way for students and teachers to do for others while interacting

with the community. Sharice Davids joins Democrats in voting not to designate illegal aliens separately from legal citizens in the next federal census, a move critics say forces extensive inaccuracies in apportionment of federal resources. Local veterans say a bandaid measure by county commissioners to fix the county veterans memorial doesn't cut it. Josh Caddell, the local man who skipped out on his May 8th jury trial on misdemeanor charges, is arrested at the home of a woman he was prohibited by a protection order from seeing, and police say he'll face additional felony charges for being found in possession of methamphetamine. Members of the public will be able to make written comments on the clemency application submitted by John D. Rutherford, a former Garnett man convicted in 2006 of molesting the four-year-old mentally disabled daughter of the girlfriend he was living with at the time. Anderson County Commissioners hear a draft outline from county planning director Tom Young on solar field regulations that would include limitations on the number of acres in a solar installation in Anderson County and possibly put a limit on the total acres that can be consumed by those projects countywide, as solar issues collide with corporate and private landowner interests in counties across Kansas. Locals reflect on the 25th anniversary of the Columbine school shooting and the changes in school policies and structural design since then. Local Republicans hear a presentation by Angel Cushing, the Emporia property rights activist whose initiative ended a zoning effort in Lyon County that would have outlawed barbed wire. Senator Jerry Moran and members of the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce recognize a federal grant to the Garnett Police Department for technology acquisition. Crest senior Rogan Weir signs to play baseball at Allen County Community College. Kevin Labelle, the 49 year-old repeat sex offender from Kincaid who went by the social media handle "The Rev D. Kev" and, according to the pastoral school he attended by correspondence fraudulently claimed to be a pastor, faces new charges of sodomy and sexual exploitation of a child in Anderson County District Court. Three suspects are arrested at an Overland Park Wal-Mart Thursday in connection with an early morning theft of an ATM machine at the Maple Street location of Patriots Bank in Garnett. Kylie Disbrow and Caitlyn Foltz were recently awarded the Thelma Miles and Beulah Byall Scholarships awarded by the Chapter Y P.E.O.

June

Christopher Mosely, one of two men arrested in the theft of the Patriots Bank ATM last month, is set for a court date early this month while his alleged partner in the incident, Cvornelius T. Jeffers of Houston, Texas, has already been remanded to Texas authorities. Trump fundraising surges after he's found guilty of 34 felony counts in a New York case which revolved around hush money payments to women with whom Trump had alleged sexual trysts and that pushed the boundaries of legal prosecution to new extremes. Local band Clevermax joins the opening lineup at this year's Cornstock. Kansas Gas Service nails down a franchise agreement with the City of Colony. The opening of Garnett's swimming pool has been pushed back to mid-month due to repairs required on the facility. Kansas State University weather watchers say the local area's seen 18 inches of rain in the last 120 days. The Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) is telling school districts they must soon adopt policies – contrary to state law – that allow boys who identify as girls to use restrooms and locker rooms of their choice in order to comply with the Biden administration's new

Title IX rules dealing with discrimination. Legislators will head back to Topeka for a special session after Kelly veto's three separate tax relief bills – with the state sitting on more than \$3 billion in surplus tax money. Ben Rockers is the honoree at this year's Greeley Alumni event. Central Heights juniors Christian McCord, Owen Miller, Cody Hammond and Connor Burkdoll broke the 2A State Meet Record and Central Heights' School Record on Saturday with a time of 8:00.20 in the 4x800 meter relay. Because the bill also included restrictions on funding abortions for service members, Sharice Davids votes against a military pay increase bill, which easily passed the House. Goppert State Service Bank, formerly Garnett State Savings Bank, celebrates 125 years with a special BBQ event at its downtown location. The number of tornadoes and severe storms in the U.S. so far this year has been well above average, according to the National Weather Service. Though the reduction in sales tax on groceries and food ingredients has dropped the food tax category year over year in Kansas by more than 40% in most counties since it was implemented in January, higher prices for goods may finally be showing signs of pushback by fed up customers according to remaining sales tax categories. The culmination of more than a year-long effort to raise matching funds for a specially equipped van for Ethan Adams of Colony, who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, was celebrated this month by family and friends in Garnett. With only 7 electric vehicles licensed in Anderson County, locals don't expect to see much benefit from billions of federal dollars being pumped into charging stations across the country. Governor Kelly signs a Republican tax relief bill that will eliminate state income tax on social security payments. The Anderson County Youth Trap team coached by Kevin Maloan including Ryden Tucker, Truett Vermillion and Timber Maloan won 1st place in their conference (class 1A-conference 2) for the season at the KTA high school state shoot in Wichita.

July

Kansas 3rd District Congresswoman Sharice Davids celebrated gay PRIDE Month Sunday as the featured speaker at an event in Gardner that included a drag show with children in attendance. The state's report on abortions from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is being delayed this year, critics charge because the expected increase in the number of abortions in the state will negatively affect some Democratic legislative campaigns. The Garnett Cares fundraising campaign run by the Garnett Community Foundation raises \$86,000. Several historic items that help tell the story of 100 consecutive years of the Richmond Free Fair will be featured at the Richmond Community Museum during the fair. The fair is July 11th, 12th, & 13th. – Last summer's harmless "powder attack" on Republicans in numerous states remains unsolved, and since the case is cold and no one was injured in the incident the culprit will probably never be known. Top officials in the Kansas National Education Association teachers union and its endorsed Congresswoman Sharice Davids are keeping quiet about a plan by the national NEA that may accuse Israel of genocide at a meeting in Philadelphia this week. Richmond Fair promoters will honor their historic lineup of former parade grand marshals when the 100th edition of the fair kicks off this month. Carrying a bullet wound in his right ear as evidence of Saturday's attempted assassination by a lone gunman at a Pennsylvania campaign rally, former President Donald Trump is expected to accept the Republican nomination for president this coming

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Thursday at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Third District Congresswoman Sharice Davids votes against a bill to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, and force states to purge their voter rolls of non-citizen registrants. Tractor Supply, the parent company of Garnett's newest retail neighbor is under pressure to reinstate the "woke" corporate ideology it recently abandoned. Mark Powls announces he'll run as a write-in in the upcoming Garnett City Commission election. Garnett City Commissioners heard a request for a continued subsidy from the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce last week and committed \$7,000 to an engineering study looking for repair or replacement options for the Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool. Joiey Furguson received grand champion overall steer, first place in her class with her maintainer steer, grand champion in showmanship, third place in livestock judging and because of her high scores in all of the above she won the champion Stockman award in last week's 100th annual Richmond Fair. Crest High School Senior Jerry Rodriguez was chosen to participate in the 8-man All-Star Game on June 10th in Beloit for Team East. Lucy Katzer set up a lemonade stand in downtown Garnett and raised \$1,500 for the Special Olympics. Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine is publicly rebutting comments made by Mark Locke, running for county sheriff, as being untrue and a product of information taken out of context. After a disastrous initial debate performance against Donald Trump, Joe Biden bows out of the U.S. presidential race. KwiKom gets \$1.8 million in federal funds to expand broadband internet service. A \$1 million reduction in county debt will allow county commissioners to spend about \$600,000 more this year, even as they lower the property tax mill levy, slightly reduce property taxes overall and see a slight drop in county valuation for the first time in years. Feisty local primaries for offices of county sheriff and county attorney are highlighting the upcoming August election. This year's Anderson County Fair Parade Grand Marshals are longtime fair supporters Dr. Sandi Otipoby and Dwight Nelson. Farmland values in Anderson County are on the rise but are not following the blistering statewide pace set by county averages over the past several years. The Garnett Muddogs baseball team of American Legion Post 48 recently finished state runner-ups in the Single A State Tournament the weekend of July 19-21. in Topeka.

August

Anderson County Commissioners have approved a quote from their local computer vendor of more than \$30,000 for a fix to the controversial issues plaguing the county Veterans Memorial, but that solution still won't accomplish the memorial's original design, county officials say. Members of the public will have the opportunity to weigh in on a 2025 Garnett city budget on August 27 that raises an additional \$30,000 in property taxes and boosts overall spending by \$2.4 million while exceeding the "revenue neutral" tax rate. The county's delinquent taxpayers owe 9 percent more than they did when the coun-

ty tallied the figure for publication last year, this year totaling \$423,973. Republicans in Anderson County award blow-out wins to Steve Wilson and Wes McClain in the elections for county attorney and sheriff respectively. As the new city/county grant writer, Jessica Mills hopes her varied background in sales and a broad work experience will be an asset that will help gather financial resources for various projects and efforts in Garnett and Anderson County. Linus Thuston, the Neosho County prosecutor who ran for county attorney in Anderson County in 2020, has been charged with two misdemeanors by the Kansas Attorney General's office for misappropriation of funds and state sales tax violations, but not on evidence submitted by the county sheriff there that he coerced some 50 women into providing him nude photos. James Lonnie Chambers, the local man who held law officers at bay with an AR-15 rifle last October in a domestic incident at his home on Oak Street in Garnett, was convicted of associated felonies last week in Anderson County District Court and will be sentenced September 23rd. Seattle resident Dana Langworthy culminates a quest to place a gravestone on the unmarked grave of her ancestor, Miriam Ada Hesp, who died 113 years ago and was buried in Garnett Cemetery. USD 365 will likely bank several hundred thousand dollars in public funds that will be raised but will go unspent in its 2024-2025 budget, forwarding those dollars on to future years and building a cash reserve that according to state finance documents now tops \$7.6 million. In a late The United States Supreme Court blocks changes to the federal Title IX education law redrafted by the Biden/Harris Administration that would have allowed men claiming to be women to participate in women's sports, with access to their restrooms and locker rooms, in all public schools receiving federal funding. The U.S. Veterans Administration as well as local organizers who pursued the project for more than a decade will cut the ribbon on a new VA clinic in Iola September 13 that will serve an 11-county area including Anderson County. After decades as a Tuesday publication, The Anderson County Review switches to a Thursday printing date effective with the first edition in September.

September

Anderson County Commissioners say the recently enacted one year moratorium on the development of commercial solar farms in Anderson County will allow County leadership and residents an extra year to determine some of the unknowns involved as that industry expands and will give commissioners time to review extensive proposed regulations adopted by the County Commission and forwarded for full county approval. The Garnett man found naked in the Holy Angels Catholic Church is expected to face charges of disorderly conduct in District Court although there's no state or local law in town against going in the buff. A lawsuit seems to have led to the Kansas Department of revenues reversal of a policy on sales tax exemptions that previously excluded homeschool parents. Brian Miller of Jamesport Missouri has received a zoning variance to build his surplus goods store on 1650 Road next to 7th Street Grocery. County Commissioners have approved

a resolution for an upcoming foreclosure and forced sale of county delinquent property which will hopefully take place before retiring County Treasurer Dena McDaniel leaves office. After previously refusing to release the last names of 4-H exhibitors as had been the practice for some 75 years after the county fair, K-State Frontier District extension director Rebecca McFarland has released the information for publication in the reviews annual fair magazine after lawyers debate the open records violation. Greeley smoke-off volunteers recognize Greeley maintenance worker Tim Kuhlman as this year's honor volunteer of the 2024 event. A 1906 16 horsepower Advanced steam engine tractor will be on exhibit and demonstrated at this year's Anderson County flywheelers gas engine and tractor show coming up in October. St Luke's Health System has announced William "Pat" Patton has been named administrator of the company's two Kansas-based critical access hospitals in Garnett and Iola. A Tennessee man, Bert Edgar Smith, is free on bond and facing 27 charges of passing hot checks totaling more than a million dollars to Garnett cattle buyer Ron Ratliff. A Greeley toddler was reported in serious condition at Children's Mercy Hospital in September after being found unresponsive in a pool during an evening family gathering. The man whose talent with a camera preserved thousands of images of Garnett and Anderson County for the eyes of future generations, Philip Strain is being honored with a display at the Garnett Public Library assembled by the Anderson County Historical Society, amid an ongoing mystery to identify subjects of hundreds of his photos whose names and family connections to subsequent generations has been lost to time. Local pharmacist Nathan Wiehl has been honored with the prestigious Pharmacist of the Year award by the Kansas Pharmacist Association. Timber Vermilion, Nora Thompson, Kaelin Nilges, Kori Jo Gates and Hannah Boeck are candidates for Kincaid Fair Queen. County Commissioners take a stab at quashing a rift between County Emergency Services director Mark Locke and County Ambulance Director Troy Armstrong after the two continue to squabble after Locke's recent defeat and the sheriff's race. Kansas Third District congresswoman Sharice Davids and other Democrats failed to stop a bill which would strip certain federal funding from so-called sanctuary cities and other jurisdictions that aim to use those dollars to aid and abet illegal immigrants. Despite recent revelations that as many as 1,000 ballots in Kansas weren't counted in the August primary because they were delivered late or were mishandled by the US Postal service, Anderson County Clerk Julie Wettstein says local elections weren't impacted by late mail in ballots in August. the Kansas Department of Transportation expects to begin a guardrail replacement project on US 169 between Garnett and Greeley at the end of this month. Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival president Tracy Modlin presented a check from the Garnett Community Foundation for LGPR donation fundraising efforts in the amount of \$90,000 to Garnett City commissioners this month to go toward the recently completed road resurfacing project at Lake Garnett Park.

October

3rd District Kansas Congresswoman Sharice Davids says she won't attend a political forum in Ottawa unless organizers agree she won't have to share the stage with her opponent, Republican Prasanth Reddy, then she ditches the event hours before anyway. No arrests are made after a brawl breaks out at a street dance the evening of the Kincaid Fair. William Vandenberg, an apparent jilted lover who police say shot up his ex-girlfriend's car near 8th Avenue and Kings Highway in Garnett in 2022 and fired at her new boyfriend's home while children were inside was bound over on felony charges in District Court. Riley Sprinkle and Sydney Evans are crowned king and queen of homecoming at Central Heights Friday, and Bree Welsh and Quinton King win royal honors at ACHS. Kaelin Nilges wins the Kincaid Fair Queen Crown for 2024. An Ottawa man, Brian Shaffer, will be sentenced later this month in Anderson County District Court for third offense DUI. 19 year old Dylan Hanson of Lawrence faces traffic charges after he races around Lake Garnett hours before the LGPR begins and comes inches from dumping his car in the lake. Anderson County ambulance personnel take a turn assisting hurricane emergency zones in Florida and North Carolina. The ACHS girls golf team composed of Jady Parks, Ruth Burkdoll, Jaelyn Leyser, Marlee Hollon, Riley Hill win the Pioneer league golf tournament in Osawatomie. Immigration officers put a hold on a Porfirio DeLa Cruz, a Mexican illegal immigrant, after he allegedly assaults a woman on the Prairie Spirit Trail near Scipio. Landmark Bank officials in Manhattan confirmed the company's branch in Kincaid will close at the end of 2024, bringing to an end a storied legacy of small town banking dating back 135 years. Karlee Boots and Gunner Ellington win Crest Homecoming queen and king. Former Anderson County resident turned author Charlotte Hinger will discuss her latest novel at the Garnett Friends of the Library annual meeting in November. A group of side-by-side riders are opposing county commission plans to turn Swank Park back over to family heirs, if they can find any. Anderson County Ambulance Director Troy Armstrong and Emergency Management Director Mark Locke award letters of commendation to undersheriff Wes McClain, communications dispatcher Crystal Donaldson and EMS staffer Doug Meyer for their team action that saved the life of a toddler who nearly drowned recently at Greeley. Incoming Anderson County Attorney Steve Wilson tells county commissioners he'd like to reduce his salary in order to hire a staff prosecutorial assistant after he takes office in January. Josh Lohff of Colony will face charges of methamphetamine possession, theft of property and being a felon in possession of a weapon in connection with two burglaries of the Crest High School building. Garnett City commissioners this week stripped bare the municipalities non-existent prohibition on public nudity by adopting an ordinance that, under penalty of law, requires you to keep your skin to yourself.

November

Against what seemed a year ago to be insurmountable odds all around, former

president Donald Trump wins a near landslide over Kamala Harris in the US presidential election. Trump pulls 78% of the vote in Anderson County. As expected, congresswoman Sharice David's loses the rural counties of her district but makes up voter volume in Johnson and Wyandotte counties to win her race. A red wave in the Kansas election insures a Republican majority on the Kansas State School Board. Central Heights boys cross country team wins its second consecutive state championship at the Wamego state meet. After whistleblowers working at FEMA say they were instructed to skip offers of relief to homes sporting Trump campaign signs after the North Carolina hurricane, Anderson County Ambulance Director Troy Armstrong says he saw no such bias when he deployed to hurricane damage there. The City of Garnett cuts a deal for three huge free iron outdoor pavilions to be salvaged from the Overland Park farmers market, as long as Garnett can transport and reassemble them. Persimmon seeds inspected at the Anderson County Review's office show them to contain spoon shapes, which means lots of snow accumulation for the winter, if you believe persimmon folklore. The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival committee donates \$2,500 to the Garnett Ministerial Alliance, part of the proceeds from its recent Lake Road Track event. Incoming president Donald Trump's plan to deport illegal immigrants starting with criminals may determine the eventual fate of Porfirio DeLa Cruz, who's being held in Anderson County Jail on suspicion of assault of a woman on the Prairie Spirit Trail. Jason Marnell of Richmond waived his preliminary hearing on the way to an arraignment in Franklin County District Court on charges that his physical abuse caused the death of his month-old son in January. Former ACHS vocalist and 2021 graduate Carly Hicks brings her KSU a capella group "Resonate A Capella" to ACHS for a short musical program. Abby Reid Harelson, a 2021 ACHS graduate from Garnett is one of 35 student athletes representing all 15 of Emporia States Intercollegiate sports to be named an Earl W Sauder athletic scholar for 2023-24. Sisters Remi Peterson and Cami Burns open Woody's Liquor at the site of the old Askins-Beller Liquor store in Garnett. Car buyers in Kansas will catch a break on sales tax in the coming year when a new provision in state law lowers the tax they'll pay if they sold an older car in order to buy a new or newer one. Local cabinet maker Ralph Rockers of Garnett takes a stab at building grandfather

clocks in a partnership with Kendall Eichman. Garnett's dunkard Brethren Church has partnered with Operation Christmas Child, a project of international relief organization Samaritan's Purse to lend a helping hand to children in need all over the world.

December

Garnett City commissioners adopt a consensus to pursue a sales tax bond election to fund either extensive repairs to the aging city swimming pool or a new facility. Anderson County Commissioners briefly discuss the option of reducing the county's road grader force by one driver and one road maintainer as a cost cutting option absorbing that driver's mileage into the other six department drivers, but take no action after a discussion on the proposal's likely unpopularity. Anderson County High School student Alyssa Scott receives an award from former Vietnam helicopter pilot Chris Crowley for her work in initiating thank you letters from students to members of the Heartland Honor Flight organization. Westphalia's Drake Dieker was one of 20 young Kansas Livestock Association members from across the state to graduate from The Young Stockman's Academy in November. Greeley Elementary 5th and 6th graders were the first place winners in the 2024 Quiz Bowl competition, among competitors from Greeley, Westphalia and three Garnett Elementary teams. Greeley team members included Breckyn Kueser, Colton Nelson, Brinnley Callahan, Bryson Stinnett, and Brenton Moody. Special prosecutor Dan Dunbar pushes the court for the full sentence of 27.5 years against Joe Wilper, soon to be sentenced for the molestation of his daughter. Jennifer McSwane, who stole thousands of dollars in a check theft scheme which collapsed a local church in 2019, avoids extradition to Kansas City on another bad check charge when she's sentenced to state prison for failing to pay restitution. As the year ends a number of local projects are underway - a new activity hall at St. Boniface Church in Scipio, the Posh Nosh grazing location being built on the Garnett Square and a new surplus retail store being built on 1650 Road near 7th Street Grocery. County Commissioners vote to raise landfill rates for the coming year, including a hike in brush disposal rates from \$6 to \$20. Garnett's First Christian Church and local Boy Scout group participates in Peace Light project, which conveys a flame that originates from the peace light in Bethlehem all over the world. National Spelling Bee organizers this year will accept "womyn" for the words "woman" or "women" after feminist, anti-male cultural shifts move into the Merriam-Webster Dictionary content.



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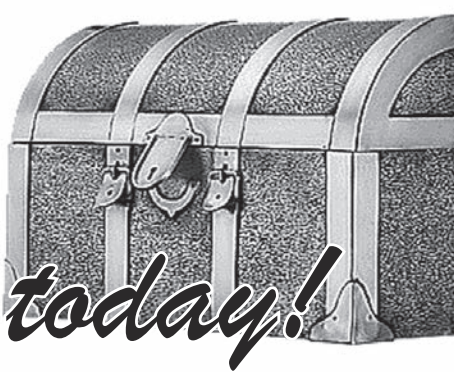
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Garnett Chamber of Commerce board member Eric Brummel, left and GSSB's newest staff edition Matt Foltz, right, chat with outgoing GSSB President Dwight Nelson at Nelson's retirement reception on Friday at the downtown bank location. Nelson came to Garnett with the company in 1993.

Bulldogs win on 65-foot buzzer beater

FRONTENAC - With the score knotted at 57 in the waning seconds last Tuesday, December 17, the Frontenac Raiders had possession of the ball looking to steal a win at home against the Anderson County Bulldogs. The Frontenac player lost the ball under their own basket with 4 seconds left when AC's Brayden Wheat gained possession and took a dribble before heaving it from the opponents three-point line at the top of

the key and drained the shot as the buzzer sounded to give the Bulldogs a thrilling 60-57 win. That was only half of the story on the night as Anderson County overcame a 13-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter as well. Frontenac led 19-17 after the first and 34-26 at halftime before extending their advantage to 52-39 with just 8 minutes left in the game. Wheat was the star offensively

for the Bulldogs dropping 31 points on 10 of 18 shooting. Wheat added 4 steals on the defensive end as well. Noah Porter was the only other player in double figures with 10 points, Brylan Sommer finished with 9, Aidan Steele had 5, Christian Barnett 3 points and Jack Dykes added 2. Porter added 7 rebounds and 4 steals and both Dykes and Steele pulled down 5 boards apiece.

AC boys down Osawatomie with ease

GARNETT - Last Thursday, the Anderson County Bulldogs followed their thrilling win over Frontenac with a much easier victory at home against the Osawatomie Trojans 62-34.

Anderson County jumped all over the visiting team with a dominant 21-4 advantage in the first quarter.

Osawatomie battled hard in the second quarter as the Bulldog offense went cold as they were limited to just 6 points in the quarter compared to 14 by Oz to cut the halftime deficit down to 27-18.

It would be all Anderson County in the second half as they held a 15-5 advantage in the third and 20-11 in the fourth to pull away for the easy 28-point victory.

Noah Porter led the Bulldogs with 19 points, Brylan Sommers

scored 17 and Brayden Wheat added 13 points. Aidan Steele chipped in with 6 points, Christian Barnett had 3 and both Jack Dykes and Cam Wilson tallied 2 on the night.

POLITICS...

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In the end, Anderson County residents like folks everywhere either loathed or loved the outcome of the 2024 election but one thing was certain - unlike contests of the past, they all felt affected by it.

Top Dog of the Week!

Brayden Wheat
The ACHS Bulldog hit a 3/4 court shot at the buzzer to down Frontenac. Wheat scored 31 points on the night and also scored 29 combined points against SFT & Oz last week as AC went 3-0 last week.

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Bulldogs hand Santa Fe Trail first loss

GARNETT - The Santa Fe Trail Chargers came to Garnett last Friday with a perfect 5-0 record but the Anderson County Bulldogs continued their hot week with a 58-51 victory.

the first quarter and extended their lead to 32-21 after outscoring SFT 15-11 in the second quarter.

the double digit halftime deficit.

It was the third win of the week for the Bulldogs, improving their record to 4-1 heading into the holiday break.

Santa Fe Trail trimmed a lone point off the deficit outscoring the Bulldogs 17-16 in the third quarter but still trailed by 10 heading into the fourth, 48-38.

Noah Porter led the Bulldogs with 19 points and Brayden Wheat added 16.

The AC boys used a strong first half to propel them to the victory.

The Chargers chipped 3 more off the lead in the fourth outscoring the Bulldogs 13-10, but were unable to overcome

Also scoring for Anderson County was Christian Barnett with 7 points, Brylan Sommers scored 6, both Eli Martin and Cam Wilson added 4 points each and Jack Dykes chipped in with 2 points.

Lady Vikings lose to undefeated Jayhawk-Linn

RICHMOND - The Jayhawk Linn Jayhawks continued their perfect 5-0 start with a 45-31 victory on the road last Tuesday, December 17.

Both teams settled into a back and forth battle in the second as each team scored 8 points to make the halftime score 22-13.

final 8 minutes outscoring the Jayhawks 13-12.

The loss dropped the Vikings to 2-3 on the young season, but all of their losses came against teams that are .500 or better so far on the year.

The Jayhawks stretched their lead out to 15 points with an 11-5 advantage in the third to put them up 33-18 heading into the fourth quarter.

Seven different Vikings scored on the night.

Jayhawk-Linn jumped all over the host Vikings in the first period jumping out to an early 14-5 lead.

Central Heights had a slight upperhand over the game's

Addison Ouellette led the Vikings with 11 points.

The Jayhawks stretched their lead out to 15 points with an 11-5 advantage in the third to put them up 33-18 heading into the fourth quarter.

Macy Cubit and Sydney Evans each had 5 points. Arabella Dumbar and Carly Matile scored 3 apiece and Ashley Harkins and Melaney Chrisjohn added 2 points each.

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