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Slyter 11th hour plea yields guilty on two felonies

Six-year case ends on day trial was to begin, culminates with no jail time likely due to clean record

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - One of the longest theft investigations and prosecutions in recent memory came to a close in Anderson County District Court Monday when a Garnett man pled guilty to two of nine felony charges related to the possession of stolen farm equipment dating back to 2019.

Marvin Slyter, 61 of Garnett, will be sentenced May 8 after pleading guilty to two counts of possession of stolen property valued between \$25,000 and \$100,000. Slyter was initially charged in November 2022 with 20 counts of theft involving numerous tractors, loaders and other equipment from various property owners in Anderson and other counties.



Slyter

The case spawned criticism of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department at the time due to the length of time taken to develop charges. Then-sheriff Vern Valentine said multiple victims in multiple jurisdictions made summarizing the breadth of the charges difficult and time consuming, and that in many instances the case was dependent on officers in other counties furthering investigations in their own jurisdictions in order to fully base charges.

Former Anderson County Attorney Elizabeth Oliver told the Review in August 2024 the prosecution believed Slyter had obtained the equipment in question primarily to use in his own farming and cattle operation rather than to resell.

Slyter's attorney filed a motion to suppress much of the evidence produced in the case in July, saying the evidence yielded by the search warrant sworn to by then-undersheriff Wes McClain was invalid, arguing McClain lacked probable cause for the search. Oliver argued Slyter consented to an initial search of his property November 7, 2019, and that McClain's discover of additional crimes led to "piggyback" warrants of discovery that resulted in additional charges.

Slyter's last-minute plea to the two charges came on the first day of what was to have been

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Steep salaries at SEKMHC rile commissioners

\$600,000 a princely sum to pay mental health center, director, county leaders say

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County Commissioners are crying "foul" at recent revelations of salaries paid to directors of the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center, and say they're anticipating a multi-county meeting of commissioners from within the region to discuss the finances of the taxpayer-subsidized mental health services provider.

Public salary records of principal directors of the organization were recently circulated among county officials in the SEK region, and commissioners in Anderson County are questioning why the organization needs county funding

if it can afford salary and compensation packages for a director of more than a half million dollars. "Those salaries - with tax dollars - that's just excessive in my view," Anderson County Commissioner Les McGhee said during commission discussions Monday.

SEKMHC provides various psychological therapies and counseling services within its member counties, and is set to receive some \$94,000 in contributions from Anderson County taxpayers in 2025 as well as contributions from member counties Allen, Neosho, Woodson, Linn and Bourbon. In 2023, the last IRS Form 990 filings immediately available



Fawson

for SEKMHC, member counties contributed a total of some \$4.8 million to the organization's \$37 million in 2023 revenues, most of the remainder of which came from billable program services. In that year, the non-profit had reported expenses of just over \$38 million, netting a \$625,000 loss for the year. The bulk of its expenses - some \$30 million in 2023 - were salaries.

It is some of those executive level salaries which have gotten the attention of county commissioners among the region's member counties. McGhee said he was forwarded documentation detailing some \$600,000 in salary for the organization's top earner.

An IRS 990 non-profit filing by SEKMHC for 2023 obtained by the Review indeed shows salaries of well over \$100,000 annually for directors of the non-profit. The document lists executive director

Nathan Fawson's 2023 salary at \$436,133 annually with an additional \$191,941 in "other compensation" from the organization and other organizations. The 2023 tax form lists 19 employees.

A 2020 Kansas Legislative Research Department brief on the history of the Kansas mental health system notes the shift from individual state and county mental health treatment beginning in the late 1800s and into the 1950s and 1960s, with the development and state funding for Community Mental Health Centers beginning in 1974. That led eventually to the formation of regional centers after the Kansas Mental Health Reform Act of 1990. The report details financing for the CMHCs as a combination of state subsidies, member county contributions and bill-

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Fecal vandalism at depot drives anger, crackdown

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Vandals' disgusting act at the Garnett Depot on the Prairie Spirit Trail earlier this week steamed city manager Travis Wilson enough to post photos on the city's social media, and likely added the depot building as a recipient in present surveillance camera proposals being debated by Garnett City Commissioners.

"I mean, people get on us because they think we don't spend money on things," Wilson said Wednesday as he was breaking out his personal home wet vac machine to give a deeper cleaning to a bench at the depot splashed with feces sometime prior to Tuesday morning. "Then we do spend money on something, like we spent money here with refurbishing the woodwork and the furniture and everything, and then somebody throws (deleted) on it."

"I posted it," Wilson said. "I was

pretty hot."

The Facebook post got the intended result - public outcry. More than 50 comments expressing anger and pressing support for new, working surveillance cameras at the facility.

"Sad that some people have no respect for property," Mary Gardner Blow posted. "So irritating that we have some in our community that have no respect or appreciation for the great things provided for them by fellow taxpayers," said Cathy Hoke.

Wilson said the single camera installed at the depot probably more than a decade ago ceased to function some time back, and the footage it did capture in its later days was unusable. Images were stored on a personal computer unit housed in a closet at the site, and had to be manually retrieved in the event a crime was committed there.



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Vandals smeared an upholstered bench and wall with feces at Garnett's Santa Fe Depot earlier this week. The crime at the local site on the Prairie Spirit Trail has angered local residents and forged new motivation in a debate over purchase of a new city video surveillance system.

The Santa Fe Depot, constructed in 1931 and reopened in the early 2000s as a restroom, historical display and rest spot for people using the Prairie Spirit Trail, has been a target for vandals on and off almost since it was first

opened. In 2009, city commissioners reactivated a cash reward fund for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals who damaged it at that time.

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Trump cuts thump "Thrive" funnel to Obamacare

90 percent cut to grant will tap resources used to people up for coverage

BY DANE HICKS THE KANSAS INFORMER

IOLA - New Trump2-era funding cuts to the massive support bureaucracy bolstering the federal healthcare plan known as Obamacare, pegged by critics with its role in raising private-pay health insurance premiums by 143 percent since its inception in 2013, have placed eastern Kansas' most prolific grant-funded non-profit in peril.

Thrive Allen County received a \$12.9 million grant award last August from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to fund a five-year "Navigator" program statewide in Kansas, designed to help funnel Kansans across the state onto the Affordable Care Act health insurance program. Thrive CEO Lisse Regehr told The Iola Register the organization got word February 14 the grant would be reduced by 90 percent beginning in 2026. The organization had been set to receive some \$2 million from the \$97 million set aside by the Biden Administration for FY2026.

Regehr declined to tell the newspaper how many of its 10 full time employees - some referred to as "Navigators" within the program as well as other staff - could be affected or laid off due to the cuts.

"It was, at the moment, Thrive's most stable and longest-term funding, which created stability," Regehr told the Register. "It allowed us, for the first time ever, to look and plan five years down the road."

The Navigator grant cut, like a previous USDA announcement that affected Thrive, has forced the employment conversation with staff, Regehr told the newspaper.

"I've been very honest and upfront with our team members," Regehr told the Register. "I've told them, if anyone feels uncertain, if they can't sleep at night because they don't know what their job is going to look like tomorrow, I encourage them to look for a job."

Thrive Allen County was formerly headed by Kansas

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland, who spent 8 years in Washington, D.C., working for the D.C. Office of Planning and Economic Development and later a private real estate company before returning to his native Iola to head the local economic development agency. Toland leveraged his expertise in seizing available public grant funds to grow Thrive. "Today, the organization is the largest coalition

of its type in Kansas with 10 full-time staff positions, an annual operating budget of nearly \$1 million, and owns a 15,000 square foot building that serves as its headquarters," the organization's website says.

Since 2013 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says Obamacare has reduced the number of uninsured Americans by 10 percent, but Obamacare has been roundly criticized for its impact on health insurance premiums across the broader industry since it went into effect in

2012. While a record 171,000 Kansas had enrolled in the federal marketplace by last year, a Heritage Foundation study found that per capita monthly premiums in Kansas increased by 62% from 2013 to 2016. Over the first 5 years of



Obamacare, 67% fewer insurers offered exchange coverage in Kansas, and rate increases for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Kansas, Medica and Ambetter companies have continued to increase.

And the broader affect registered another indictment against the plan. Since Obamacare's inception, Americans are less healthy on average than they were before. Life expectancy for Americans was lower in 2019 than it was in 2013.

A Report to the US House committee on ways and means

said the average price paid for health insurance ("premiums") jumped by 143 percent between 2013 and 2019. At the same time premiums more than doubled in the individual market, deductibles for ACA-compliant coverage also increased by an average of 35% - over \$1,700 for individuals and \$3,600 for families. Over 10 years, spending on health care per person increased by 28.7 percent.

The report also noted \$100 billion per year in improper federal Medicaid payments tied to the ACA. Citing an analysis published by the Mercatus Center's Brian Blase and University of Kentucky economist Aaron Yelowitz, the inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services found that "systemic errors include neglecting to obtain proper documentation; failing to properly verify income eligibility; misclassifying individuals, including into the newly eligible category; and failing to properly verify citizen-

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New motion cancels bench trial in local First Baptist Church, pastor parsonage sale scrap

GARNETT - The cancellation of a March 12 bench trial surrounding the scuttled sale of the Garnett First Baptist Church parsonage by Pastor Daniel Meyer has set up an April 21 hearing to weigh Meyer's motions to limit evidence former church members can produce in their defense of his lawsuit against them.

The suit stems from former church members Rose Miller, LeRoy Teter and Warren Winfrey attaching an affidavit to the church parsonage's deed at the county register of deeds office that stipulated Meyer had no right or authority to sell the property. Meyer, functioning as the church's legal agent, had negotiated the sale of the property at 510 North Cedar in Garnett in an effort to fund the struggling church's finances. A judgement rendered in September by the court in that suit assesses a \$13,000 judgement to the realtor against the church from the scuttled sale, but it's not

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FARMERS MARKET VENDOR MEETING 3/27

There will be a meeting for prospective vendors for the 2025 Garnett Farmers Market at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Agency West Insurance at 415 S. Oak in Garnett. Please rsvp to the Garnett Chamber of Commerce Office at directory@garnettchamber.org, or (785) 448-6767.

GARNETT SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Swing into Spring! April 12th at Garnett Senior Center, 128 W. 5th Ave. Meal served at 5pm - \$12 per person. Tickets available at the Senior Center or Reserve a meal ticket by contacting Cheri Peine @ 785-304-2669. 6pm Odds & Ends Band will be performing a variety of music (No reservation or cost to come and listen to the music!). Come join the fun!

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Garnett's City wide garage sale is set for Saturday, April 5. To be a map sponsor contact the Anderson County Review office at 785-448-3121 or send an email to review@garnett-ks.com. To place your ad for the city wide sale call or email us today!

REPUBLICANS TO HOST CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR'S RACE

Charlotte O'Hara, declared Republican candidate for Kansas governor and former Johnson County Commissioner and Kansas State Representative, will discuss her candidacy as the featured speaker at the March 27 meeting of the Anderson County Republican Party. The meeting is 6 p.m. at Garnett Pizza Hut and is open to all Republicans. The Anderson County GOP meets the 4th Thursday of every month.

EASTER SERVICES

The Good Friday service will be held on April 18 from 12:10-12:50 at the Nazarene Church located at 258 W. Park Road. The Easter morning sunrise service is at 6:30am at the North Lake east shelter house on April 20. Pastor Chris Goetz from the First Christian Church will be planning the service and delivering the message. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Nazarene Church. These events are sponsored by the local Garnett Area Ministerial Alliance and everyone is invited to attend.

GARNETT SQUARE FAIR

Garnett BPW is looking for workers to help with setup and take down at Square Fair on Saturday, May 10th. Great event that needs workers and anyone needing Community Service hours. Please call Helen at 785-448-8745 to sign up or any questions.

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.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 10, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 10, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, 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 has been in contact with Bettis Asphalt for another bid for chip and seal. Killough Construction has been here to mark roads for patchwork this spring/summer. Discussion was held on pipes and which need to be replaced.

Sheriff

Wes McClain, Sheriff, met with the commission. He gave the commissioners a report of the jail audit and what will need to be fixed so the jail can become accredited. These repairs and trainings will happen over time but will eventually lead to more inmate housing. He gave the commission a draft copy of the take home vehicle policy that he would like implemented. They will review and meet next week regarding the policy.

Fair Board

Fair board members Jess Rockers, Kirby Barnes, and Justin Zook met with the commission. Discussion was held on the pavilions that Economic Development has acquired from Overland Park. The fair board would be interested in having all 3 located on the fairgrounds to replace the existing animal barn. They will be in contact with Jessica Mills for any updates on location and possibility of placing them at the fairgrounds. The fair board also stated that the building will need replaced in the future regardless if they new pavilions are placed there or not due to the age and quality of the structure.

Rural Fire

Cruz Gillespie, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. He presented a red light permit for Ross Johnson. Commissioner McGhee signed the permit. Cruz gave an update on trainings for the firefighters.

Executive Session

Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Blaufuss seconded to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for 15 minutes. Commissioner, James Campbell, Ethan Lickteig, and Julie Wettstein were present. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Blaufuss seconded to re-enter into open meeting. All voted yes. No action taken.

Abatements, Adds, & Escapes

Abatements B25-186 through B25-200 and escapes E25-118 through E25-126 were approved as presented.

Department Head Lunch

All department heads with county commissioners met to discuss each department.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM due to no further business.

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

Brian R Weller to Clinton W Conklin: N2 lot 1 & n2 lot 2 & n2 e2 lot 3 City of Garnett.

Dale McAlpine and Cindy Mcalpine to Gains & Glory Pro Fitness LLC: Lot 16 blk 35 City of Garnett.

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

Hailey Louise Moore, Garnett, and Caleb Orion Savage, Garnett, filled out an application for a Marriage License.

Audrey Bauman, Garnett, and Joseph Dakota McGirr, Westphalia, filled out an application for a Marriage License.

Jamie Ilene Hermreck, Garnett, and Kailyn Paul Thompson, Garnett, filled out an application for a Marriage License.

Darren Leon Yoder, Garnett, and Emily Kay Keim, Garnett, filled out an application for a Marriage License.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Albert Fred Harris III has been charged with speeding 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Bridger Andrew Deneferio has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Jayden Derek Biggs has been charged with speeding 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Brandan Dean Bunnel has been charged with possession of drugs, arson, criminal damage to property, interference with law enforcement, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of March 5, 2025)

Joseph Wilper was booked into jail on October 20, 2023.

Kevin Labelle was booked into jail on April 25, 2024.

Jason Boothe was booked into jail on June 26, 2024.

William Vandenberg was booked into jail on July 25, 2024.

Porfirio De La Cruz-Cantu was booked into jail on October 10, 2024.

Erika Bond was booked into jail on October 31, 2024.

Korine Hollon was booked into jail on December 17, 2024.

Kanden Robb was booked into jail on January 1, 2025.

Tyler Hoke was booked into jail on February 20, 2025.

Shawn Weers was booked into jail on February 20, 2025.

Lily Johnson was booked into jail on March 2, 2025.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of January 22, 2025)

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.

Joshua Franks was booked into jail on December 12, 2024.

Margo Doty was booked into jail on December 17, 2024.

Brandon Sage was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Joey Davis was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Tony Bass was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Michael Bradley was booked into jail on February 11, 2025.

Riley Ballinger was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Taylor Larsh was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Brenden Robbins was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Darrik States was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Kristofer Vanlerberg was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Marissa Murdock was booked into jail on February 19, 2025.

Jessica Stephenson was booked into jail on February 19, 2025.

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CHANDLER

JULY 17, 1941 — MARCH 14, 2025

John Henry Chandler, 83, passed away on March 14, 2025, at the Homestead Assisted Living in Eudora, Kansas.

Cremation will take place and the family will be doing a private service.

Don't be afraid to return to the father

In Luke 15:11-31 Jesus records the parable of the lost son. A man had two sons. The sons lived with the father and reaped the benefits thereof. The youngest son grew tired of living with the father and requested his share of the estate. So the father divided this estate between them. The youngest son then got together all he had, and set off for a far country and squandered his wealth on wild living. So the youngest son took what would have eventually been his and wasted it.

This is similar to what happened in the Garden of Eden. They like the prodigal son wanted for nothing. Yet they chose to disobey God's command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and as a result were banished from the garden and entered into their own far country experience.

Our choices come with consequences. We read in the parable, then the younger son began to be in need. No matter where he turned he could find no relief. All his friends who had helped him waste his inheritance were no where to be found. Here it becomes important to recognize that Jesus was addressing a Jewish audience and their absolute intolerance for pork. We read the only thing the young man could do was hire himself out to a citizen of the country who sent him to feed his pigs. The only thing the young man could find to eat was the leavings of the pigs. His life had been reduced to living in a pig stein. This seemed to continue for some time and the young man was

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

afraid to return to his father having wasted his inheritance.

I wonder how many times this type of thinking keeps people in their own pig stein? People get afraid of what the consequences might be if they repent and return to God or they worry what the people in the pig stein with them might think. There are any number of excuses that can keep people wallowing in sin. If we think we are above getting into a pig stein be advised they come in high, middle or low class.

When the young man in the parable decided to return home the text tells us the father was overjoyed, saying to the other brother. "This brother of yours was dead and is now alive again; he was lost and is found." You and I like the prodigal can return to the Father. Jesus tells us in Revelation 22:17, "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." No matter where you are in the pig stein one step out of the pig stein toward the Father will be the beginning you have to take to return.

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

Notice of ordinance relating to nuisances within Westphalia

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 20, 2025.)

Ordinance NO. 205

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, KANSAS RELATING TO NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the City of Westphalia, Kansas has determined that there exists within the City unsightly and hazardous conditions due to: dilapidation, deteriorations, or disrepair of walls, sidings, fences or structure exteriors, accumulations increasing the hazards of accidents or other calamities, structural defects, uncleanness, unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, vehicles or parts thereof.

WHEREAS, such conditions are inimical to the general welfare of the community in that they have a blighting influence on the adjoining properties, the neighborhood, and the City, or are injurious to the health and safety of the residents of Westphalia.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by the repair, removal, abatement, and regulations of such conditions in the matter hereafter provided.

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this covenant is to protect, preserve, upgrade, and regulate the environmental quality of industrial, commercial, and the residential neighborhood in Westphalia by outlawing conditions which are injurious to the health, safety, welfare, or aesthetic characteristics of the city and to provide for the administration and enforcement thereof.

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

The words and phrases listed below when used in this ordinance shall have the following meanings:

- DILAPIDATION, DETERIORATION OR DISREPAIR** - shall mean any condition characterized by, but not limited to: holes, breaks, rot, decay, crumbling, cracking, peeling, or flaking pain, rusting, or other evidence of physical damage, neglect, lack of maintenance, excessive use of weathering.
- GARBAGE** - without limitation, any accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable waste matter that results from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving, delivering, storage, or use of foodstuffs.
- PERSON** - any individual, individuals, corporation partnership, unincorporated association, other business organization, committee, board, trustee, receiver, agent or other representative who has charge, care, control or responsibility

of any premises, regardless of status as owners, renter, tenants or lessee, whether or not in possession.

PREMISES - any lot, plot or parcel of land including the structures thereon. Premises shall also mean any lot, plot or parcel of land without any structures thereon.

STRUCTURE - anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground, including any appurtenances belonging thereto.

TRASH - combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: papers, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood excelsior, furniture, bedding, rags, leaves, yard trimmings, or tree branches. Trash also includes non-combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: metal, tin, cans, glass, crockery, plastics, mineral matter, ashes, clinkers, or street rubbish and sweepings.

SECTION 3 NUISANCES, UNLAWFUL, DEFINED

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit at nuisance within the city as defined, without limitation, as follows:

- Filth, excrement, lumber, rocks, dirt, cans, paper, trash, metal or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown or left or deposited upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, public or private enclosure or lot whether vacant or occupied;
- All dead animals not removed within 24 hours after death;
- Any place or structure or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;
- All stagnant ponds or pools of water;
- All grass over 8" in height or weeds or other unsightly vegetation not usually cultivated or grown for domestic use or to be marketed for ornamental purposes;
- Abandoned iceboxes or refrigerators kept on the premises under the control of any person, or deposited on the sanitary landfill, or any icebox or refrigerator not in actual use unless the door, opening, or lid thereof is unhinged, or unfastened and removed therefrom;
- All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance, or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
- Any fence, structure, thing, or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley, or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of

the city.

The storage of any junk except in a completely enclosed building.

The storage of any building materials which are not intended for use in a project for which a building permit has been issued except in a completely enclosed building.

A motor vehicle nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 or 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or parked in junked, wrecked, or inoperable condition. Any one of the following conditions shall raise the presumption that a vehicle is junked, wrecked, or inoperable:

- Absence of a current registration plate upon the vehicle.
- Placement of the vehicle or parts thereof upon jacks, blocks, or other supports.
- Absence of one or more parts of the vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the vehicle upon street or highway.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- any motor vehicle which is completely enclosed in a garage or other building.
- to the parking or storage of a vehicle inoperable for a period of 30 consecutive days or less.
- to any person conducting a business enterprise in compliance with existing zoning regulations or who places such vehicles behind screening of sufficient size, strength and density of screen such vehicles from the view of the public and to prohibit ready access to stored vehicles by children. However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the maintenance of a public nuisance.

SECTION 4 PUBLIC OFFICER

The Governing Body shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION

- The Public Officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the Board of Health or the Fire Chief.
- The Public Officer may make such inquiry and inspection when he or she observes conditions which appear to be a nuisance.
- Upon making any inquiry and inspection, the Public Officer shall make a written report of findings.

SECTION 6 SAME; RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Public Officer shall have the right of access and entry upon private property for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists.

SECTION 7 NUISANCES; NOTICES AND ORDER TO ABATE - ASSESSMENT

Whenever the Public Officer shall file with the City Clerk a written statement that any nuisance, describing the same and location thereof, is a menace and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of the City or of any neighborhood, family or resident of the City, or upon the City making said determination by resolution, the City Clerk shall forthwith issue a notice requiring the owner, occupant or agent of the premises to remove and abate from said premises the thing or things therein described as a nuisance within the time not exceeding ten (10) days, to be specified in said notice.

The notice shall state that before the expiration of the waiting period, the recipient may request a hearing before the Governing Body or its designated representative. Said notice shall be served by the Public Officer by restricted mail or by delivering a copy of said notice to said owner, occupant or agent of said property, or if the property is unoccupied and the owner thereof a non-resident, then by mailing a notice by restricted mail to his/her last known post office address.

If the owner, occupant, or agent shall fail to comply with the requirements and terms of said notice, the City shall proceed to have the thing or things described in said notice as a nuisance removed and abated from said lot or parcel of ground. The City shall give notice to the owner or agent by restricted mail of the total cost of such abatement or removal incurred by the City. Such notice also shall state that payment of such cost is due and payable within 30 days following receipt of such notice. If the cost of such removal or abatement is not paid within the 30 day period, the cost of removal or abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which nuisances were located, and the City Clerk shall, at the time of certifying other taxes to the County Clerk, certify the cost of abating such nuisance to the County Clerk for extension on the tax rolls of the County against said lot of parcel of ground to be collected by the County Treasurer and paid to the City of Westphalia as other special assessments are collected and paid.

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Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, this 11th day of March, 2025.

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(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 13, 2025.)

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Kansas can't afford another corporate handout

KANSAS COMMENTARY



VANCE GINN - KANSAS POLICY INSTITUTE

Kansas lawmakers are considering House Bill 2308 (HB 2308), which would create the Aviation and Innovative Manufacturing in Kansas (AIM-K) Act, a massive corporate welfare scheme. Supporters claim it will generate \$21.38 in economic benefits for every \$1 spent by the state over a decade, but that claim ignores economic reality. Government handouts don't create new wealth—they redistribute taxpayer dollars, distorting the market and making it harder for businesses that don't get special treatment.

HB 2308 would shower select industries—especially aerospace, electric vehicles, and hydrogen production—with tax breaks and subsidies, including: Keeping 100% of payroll withholding taxes for 10 years, instead of contributing to state revenue.

There are 10% refundable capital investment tax credits, which means companies can get money back even if they pay little or no taxes. Up to \$5 million in workforce training subsidies, shifting costs from employers to taxpayers. Sales tax exemptions on construction materials, reducing state tax collections.

A \$1 million bonus for companies spending \$20 million annually on Kansas suppliers. While marketed as “economic development,” AIM-K picks winners and losers in the economy, benefiting politically favored corporations while leaving small businesses and workers to cover the costs.

The study backing AIM-K claims it will improve the economy with state spending on incentives with taxpayer money. That sounds great—until you realize it's based on faulty assumptions.

Government spending doesn't magically create economic growth. Every dollar the state gives away in incentives is taken from taxpayers or businesses that don't get the deal. The study ignores opportunity costs—what that money could have done if left to businesses and consumers making free-market decisions.

Kansas has seen these inflated claims before. The Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion (APEX) program, passed in 2022, handed out massive tax incentives to a company that failed to meet job and investment expectations. These programs almost always overpromise and underdeliver.

Kansas already has a high tax burden, yet

lawmakers continue to offer tax breaks to big corporations while small businesses and working families pay the bill.

Payroll tax retention means AIM-K companies keep employee tax payments instead of contributing to public services. This forces other businesses and individuals to pay more or endure service cuts. Meanwhile, companies not lucky enough to qualify for these incentives still have to pay full freight, making it harder for them to compete.

When governments interfere with the economy by picking winners and losers, they discourage organic business growth. True prosperity comes from a fair, competitive market where all businesses—not just the politically connected—can thrive.

Instead of funneling tax dollars into corporate welfare, Kansas should focus on policies that benefit all businesses and workers:

Lower taxes for everyone, not just a few companies. Cutting income taxes across the board encourages broad investment and job creation. Reduce regulations that make it harder to do business, creating an environment where companies want to come to Kansas without needing incentives.

Control government spending by capping budget growth at population growth plus inflation, ensuring taxpayers aren't funding unnecessary programs.

States like Florida have shown that low taxes and limited government support real economic growth. Kansas should move in that direction instead of relying on corporate handouts that

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Demonic Democrat zombies deny facts, lying that no girl has been raped by a “trans” male at school, but we all saw the video of Scott Smith being arrested by the Democrat Virginia school board for confronting them after his daughter was raped in the school bathroom by a “trans” who later assaulted another girl at another school where he was transferred. There are major lawsuits in Democrat New York, California and Washington by female inmate rape victims of “trans” men let into women's prisons - serial rapists like Tremayne Dion Carroll in California and Christopher Scott Williams in Washington, across the nation parents have been fighting the Democrat obsession with grooming their children in public schools and libraries with LGBTQ propaganda and porn has occurred even

here. And no - opposing this evil is not “hate.”

I watch your city commission meeting every week and wonder, do these people get out of their comfy areas and drive around the city and see the decay that they caused? All you can think about is recreation and asphalted pavilions. You ever look at the history you have destroyed? You ever look at the amount of businesses on the square? Five. A free pavilion is not free if it costs over \$100,000 of taxpayers and money for cement.

Please put your cigarettes out in an ashtray. We are under a wind advisory and all others counties. So please put your cigarettes out in an ashtray. Don't throw it out. It's spooky. Thank you, Bless you all.

I used to not think it was a good idea for voters to elect judges because I always figured judges knew the law better than the average person. But watching these judges working so hard to stop Trump trying to get the right things done for the country has changed my mind. Democrats judge shopping for a court to file their case know they can get a ruling to stop Trump no matter if it's legal or not. I see where Kansas will have an amendment on the ballot this year to elect judges. I will vote yes.

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The trans scam glows during National Women's Month

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



KIMBERLY ROSS - THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER

Since President Ronald Reagan, every president, Republican and Democrat, has recognized March as Women's History Month. The purpose of this observance is purportedly to honor women, their role in our nation's history, and their continued influence. But in recent years, the leftist obsession with expanding the definition of “woman” has made a mockery of everything truly feminine in favor of appeasing the few.

The idea that transgender women, who are biological males, should literally be treated and counted as women is increasing in popularity. After President Donald Trump signed executive orders declaring the government would not fund programs that support gender ideology or so-called gender transition for children, a federal judge responded by issuing a preliminary injunction against the executive orders.

Meanwhile, Trump's address to Congress earlier

This month was met with articles fact-checking his “anti-trans” comments. The campaign to push back against biologically based male and female categories is real—even during Women's History Month.

A sex education group called SIECUS is celebrating transgender athletes, and the Democratic National Committee issued a statement that includes “LGBTQ+ women” while commemorating the month.

In fact, the idea that transgender women should be counted as women is so accepted that

Republican lawmakers in Maine who reject that are seen as the real problem. An article out of Portland, Maine, titled “Maine GOP lawmakers mark Women's History Month by blasting trans women” only points to the widespread delusion.

Members of the Democratic Party, politicians, and voters alike are quick to point to Trump as a major threat to American women. We're told his policies will harm us and our

healthcare and restrict our freedoms. This is unsubstantiated fearmongering. In reality, the Democratic Party is the one that rejects established scientific truths when it comes to women.

Speaking up against the leftist campaign to rewrite womanhood means you're branded a bigot. Never mind that first-wave feminism

fought specifically for women to be treated as equals in the voting booth and elsewhere. The modern-day Democratic Party is so extreme it will happily eat its own in favor of appearing open-minded and inclusive. Men are added into the mix, treated as women if they demand it, and biological women have to shut up and take it.

Women's History Month has never been widely celebrated by the Right. Perhaps it's a big production that is more about special treatment than equal treatment. But at least conservatives understand that a month dedicated to women should only include praise and celebration of biological women, not men who believe they're women or who wish to be them.

Increasingly, leftists are not only extreme in their beliefs but unmoving in their insistence that everyone else agrees and follows along, too. Even the areas that have long been reserved for women are subject to change if leftists think attitudes have not progressed enough.

This is what we're seeing with Women's History Month, female-only sports, and more. If any group is trying to erase both official and unofficial gender-specific protections for women, it's the Democratic Party.

Kimberly Ross (@SouthernKeeks) is a contributor to the Washington Examiner's Beltway Confidential blog and a contributing freelance columnist at the Freeman News-Letter.

Speaking up against the leftist campaign to rewrite womanhood means you're branded a bigot.

Why is Trump bent on treating Canada like an enemy?

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

Canada has always been an inoffensive country, and how is that working out for it?

President Trump has made more threatening sounds about Canada than about Russia. He is wielding a weapon -- sweeping 25% tariffs -- that would almost certainly drive our Friendly Neighbor to the North into a recession, while he is making its leaders and people honestly fearful of the United States.

The madman theory has much to recommend it ... when dealing with Hamas or the Houthis. No one heretofore has thought it has similar benefits when handling relations with Ottawa.

It's important to realize the magnitude of the threat Trump is making. About three-quarters of Canadian exports go to the United States, accounting for 20% of Canadian GDP. The Canadian free-market think tank, the Fraser Institute, notes that 25% tariffs would subject the Canadian economy to “the biggest external shock in a century (apart from during the initial phases of the COVID-19 pandemic).”

This is the kind of thing a much larger country does to a miscreant nation when it is punishing it for pursuing an illicit nuclear weapon, invading a neighbor or engaging in human rights abuses.

Canada's sin is to be party to a free-trade agreement -- the USMCA -- that it negotiated in good faith with the same U.S. president now browbeating it.

Defenders of Trump's approach to trade tend to cite China as an example of how pure free-trade theory doesn't work in the real world -- China is an authoritarian society, engages in massive intellectual theft and other unfair practices, and can't be trusted not to cut off supply

chains on a crisis. None of this applies to Canada, a friendly, English-speaking country that shares our values and fights wars alongside us, not against us.

That doesn't mean there aren't legitimate complaints about Canada. But the fentanyl trade and illegal border crossings aren't really among them (Canada is not Mexico). It is true that Canada protects politically sensitive sectors of its economy, most notably dairy and lumber.

These matters have long been the subject of U.S.-Canadian negotiations. Whatever else you think of Canada's dairy policy, it isn't an emergency as contemplated under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act that Trump is using as the legal basis for his tariff threats. Such an emergency would be Canada, say, launching an amphibious invasion of the upper peninsula of Michigan.

If nothing else, President Trump is succeeding in deranging Canadian politics. It's not just

the possibility of ruinous tariffs, but the talk of Canada as the 51st state, a somewhat amusing joke that -- as Trump keeps talking about it -- now has to be considered half-serious.

This is disrespectful at best and threatening at worst. Why should we care? Well, it is a boost to Justin Trudeau's party in impending elections and a drag on the conservative populist Pierre Poilievre.

Trump has suggested that he believes he can use economic coercion to induce Canada to submit to annexation. The opposite is likely true; the more we troll Canada and disrupt its economy, the greater the anti-U.S. reaction.

Trump should take as a win greater Canadian efforts against fentanyl and on the border (although these aren't hugely consequential), while kicking complaints about Canada trade practices to next year when the USMCA is scheduled to come up for review anyway.

At the top of our list with Canada should be pushing it to spend more on its military. As part of that, we should seek to deepen what is already an incredibly close defense relationship -- with a particular focus on securing our interests in the Arctic -- rather than foundering on gratuitous enmity.

John F. Kennedy said of Canada: “Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder.”

The man in the Oval Office, unfortunately, has a different idea.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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'The Jayhawk' tells the story of the beloved mascot

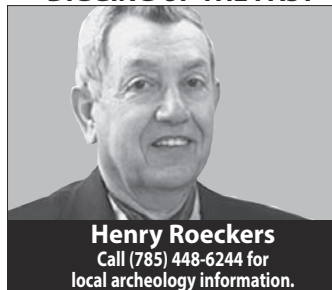
How many of you recognize the abbreviation "DAR" (Daughters of the American Revolution). My wife Kay and our two daughters are members of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. To be a member, they must be able to trace their ancestry back to a family member who served in the Revolutionary War.

Every month Kay receives a DAR update from the Kansas State Regent.

In the March 2025 message, something really caught my attention. It was an article written by the Kansas State Chairman of the DAR Library Outreach Committee, entitled, a selection from the 2024 Kansas Notable Book list: "The Jayhawk". It's the story of the University of Kansas "KU" beloved mascot by Rebecca Ozier Schultz.

The Jayhawk, the KU's legendary and unique mascot, has represented the university for more than 100 years and is recognized around the world. Rebecca tells the story of the beloved mythical birds origin and historical significance and much more. Multiple students and artists drew the Jayhawk in the 20th Century, including the long-legged Jayhawk drawn by Daniel Henry (Hank) Malory in

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1912 and the militaristic, fighting Jayhawk of 1941 created by Eugene ("Yogi") Williams. Six different Jayhawks from 1912-1946 have been identified by the University as the most historically significant, but there are many, many more that have been discovered in hundreds of pieces, newspaper accounts, student scrapbooks and university publications, all housed in the University archives. No other source brings the Jayhawk's fascinating history together. This stunning book is highlighted by more than 300 photographs, most of them in color and many items rarely seen by the public. "The Jayhawk" is sure to delight KU fans, alumni, anyone who's ever chanted "ROCK CHALK, JAYHAWK, KU!"

*Respectfully submitted by:
Henry Roeckers 10March2025*

TRIAL...

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immediately clear if Meyer and other principle agents of the church are also liable.

The lawsuit followed a two-year schism within the church in which the defendants said Meyer purged the church board and filled it with members - including his wife - who would do his bidding. They claimed Meyer planned to use the proceeds of the sale of the parsonage at 510 N. Cedar in Garnett to operate the church, whose finances dramatically declined after membership evaporated under his leadership. The church building itself at 417 S. Walnut has been closed for more than a year.

Meyer's attorneys filed "motions in limine" earlier in March in preparation for the March 12 scheduled trial before the judge, seeking to limit the types of evidence defendants could produce at trial, specifically "testimony and argument based on religious laws, rules and customs," "character evi-

dence and evidence of prior bad acts," or that Meyer acted with fraudulent intent or in bad faith.

"Plaintiff's claims are made upon secular principles of property law and civil rights. Therefore any testimony or argument from Defendants offered in response to Plaintiff's claims must also be based upon secular legal principles," one portion of the motion reads. "Defendants should be prohibited from offering evidence of prior bad acts by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's agents—such as personal arguments, disagreements, or disputes between Plaintiff's witness, Pastor Daniel Meyer, and church members— which do not bear direct relevance to Plaintiff's claims and possible defenses thereto."

Church members speaking off the record to the Review said church membership dwindled to less than a dozen after Meyer was hired as pastor, and said his manipulation and replacement of church board members made it impossible to fire him from the post.

75 years ago - Donation allows purchase of downtown Statue of Liberty replica

That Was Then

Historical gleanings from past newspapers.

1870 - 155 years ago

Chas. B. Dumbaugh, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., informs us that he has rented H.C. Moler's new brick building east of the railroad and Leonard Dumbaugh and company will open a banking business there.

1890 - 135 years ago

John Vaughn, deputy postmaster is suffering with the big head. (The editor qualifies this statement by adding "toothache").

1900 - 125 years ago

There seem to have been six cases of genuine smallpox at and near Lone Elm, if reports can be relied upon. Four in the Breese family, one in the Kelsey family and the other a stranger, a young man who has been employed on the railroad.

V. R. Childers of Kincaid was arrested Tuesday on an old warrant charging the sale of booze. Childers made his escape when the warrant was issued but came back in time to get into trouble again. The Kincaid folks call him "Dr. Reuben" and he must be a Reuben to come home to find trouble when he was well out of it.

1910 - 115 years ago

Lloyd Bronston has purchased the tract just west of town known as the Driving Park Association. The entire forty-two and one-half acres will be platted under the name of Bronston Heights and sold at auction.

Last Friday Walter L. Warren purchased the jewelry store of Charles D. Hunt. Walter has been Mr. Hunt's partner for the last two years.

C. E. Bean is moving the buildings from the old fair



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Circa 1990 - Pictured are members of the Jayhawk biddy basketball team. Front row, from left: Coach Jim Mullins, Shawn Powelson, Chris Callahan, Travis Crawford and Luke Rockers. Back row, from left: Erica Holmes, Kaci Kent, Jamie Stevens, Emily Kipper and Doug Penka.

ground to his place northwest of Garnett where he has fitted up a race track.

Sixth Street west is to be opened up between the J. B. Hutchison place and the Beck tract, and another street will be opened up on Jackson Boulevard.

S. Crum sold his lumber yard to Byrne-Renfrow Lumber Company of Kansas City. Mr. Crum has been in the lumber business on the corner of Sixth and Oak streets since 1870. In 1901 he erected the present two-story stone building which is 40 by 140 feet.

1915 - 110 years ago

Mrs. George Putnam died last evening. Mrs. Putnam has been a resident of Garnett a great many years, and at one time was manager at the Garnett House.

1925 - 100 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Enoch's home on east First Avenue was struck by lightning yesterday morning and burned. Almost

nothing was saved. The house was insured but could not be replaced for twice the amount.

Dr. J. A. Milligan has been re-appointed a member of the board in charge of the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Norton. Dr. Milligan is an original member of the board, appointed in 1911.

1950 - 75 years ago

Through the generosity and civic spirit of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kay of Garnett, Troop 126 Boy Scouts of America will be able to purchase a copper, bronze replica of the Statue of Liberty. In giving their check for \$300 for the purchase, Mr. and Mrs. Kay stated they wished to give the statue to the citizens of the City of Garnett in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement. Permission has been granted to erect the statue on a suitable base at the northwest corner of the courthouse Square. The original replica of the Statue of Liberty was recently dedicated in Kansas City, Mo. It cost

\$5,000 but the duplicates are now available at the \$300 price.

2000 - 25 years ago

Greeley residents have finally been successful in their quest to have the speed limit on U.S. 169 Highway reduced on the part of the road known as the Greeley curve according to a statement last week by 5th Dist. Kansas Representative Bill Feuerborn. A request by residents for the speed limit decrease had now been acted upon and a new speed limit of 55 mph would be posted.

2005 - 20 years ago

Selected as the Anderson County Outstanding citizen of 2005 is Dale Abernathy. Dale is a lifetime resident of Mont Ida and is a retired Union Pacific Railroad employee. His retirement in 1994 followed some 37 years with that railroad company. Dale, a most willing volunteer "sitter" at the Anderson County Historical Society's museum, is a lifetime member of the organization.

GRANT...

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Regehr told the Iola newspaper Thrive Navigators enrolled 1,445 uninsured and logged an additional 800 into Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The organi-

zation provided health insurance and literacy services for another 3,700 clients and referred another 500 to other health insurance providers, the newspaper said. Regehr said the organization would continue to press for funding

the Navigator mission.

"We are still working very diligently to try and ensure Kansas still gets some of this funding," she told the Register. "Thrive's mission, one of the things we've worked on at Thrive, is if there are dollars

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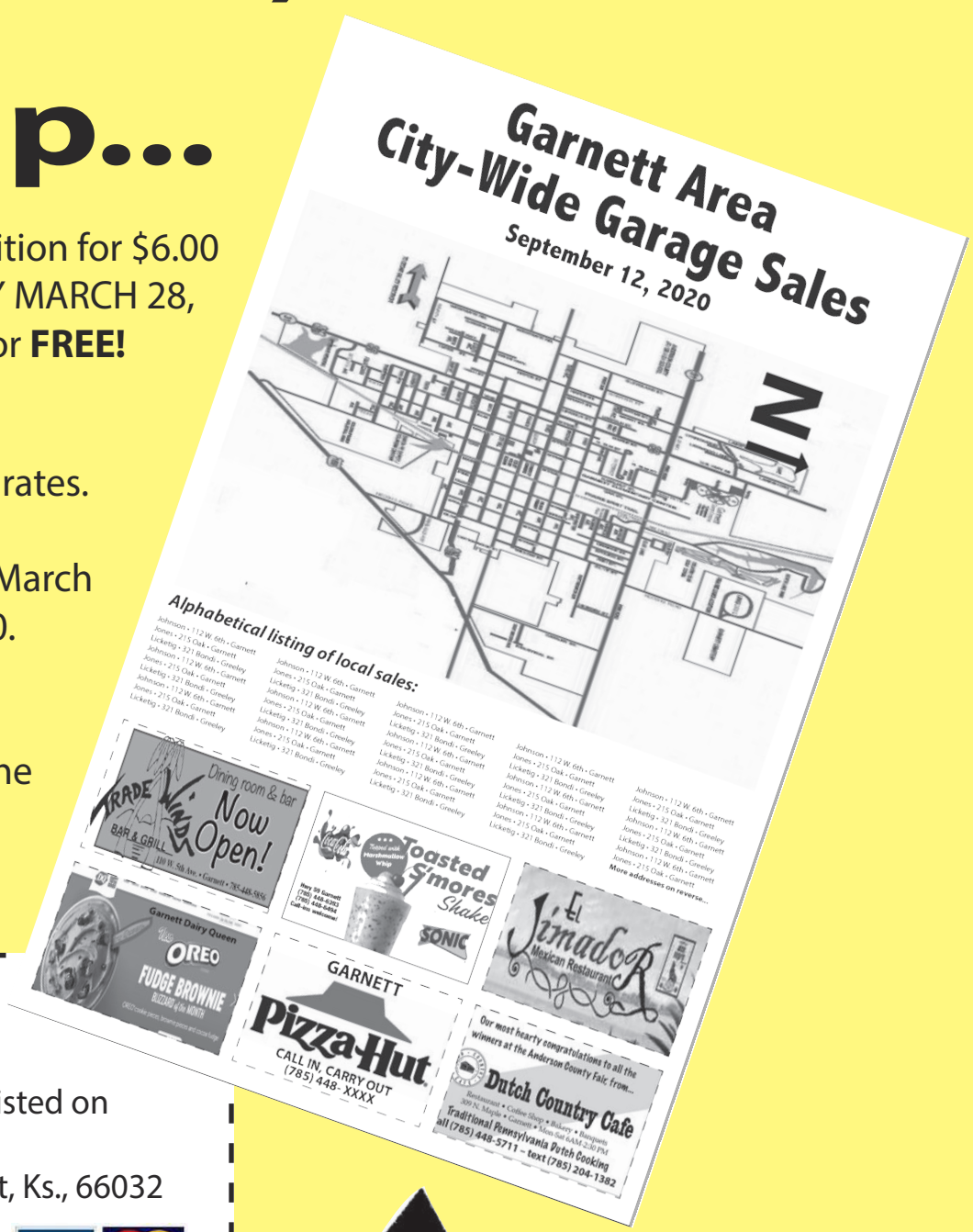
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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 20, 2025
 8:00 a.m. - Morning Mingle
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Winter Sports Recognition Night - ACHS
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, March 24, 2025
 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, March 25, 2025
 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 Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. - Awana
 6:30 p.m. - Shotokan Karate Training

Thursday, March 27, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Republican Party Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 28, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, March 31, 2025
 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

City Spring projects in Garnett well underway

by Kris Hix

The City of Garnett has several projects coming this spring. As the weather gets warmer, the sidewalk project that began in fall of 2024 will be completed. This project included a new sidewalk along Park Road, from Oak Street continuing East to the exit of Country Club Lane, as well as new sidewalk and ADA ramp in front of the City of Garnett Recreation Center. This project will be a great improvement and much safer for those walking to the rec center, swimming pool, the trail, and the elementary school.

The city also added recycled tire mulch in place of the sand at the North Lake Park "Tot Lot". In 2024, the City of Garnett received a Waste Tire Grant so that sand at the Tot Lot could be removed, and replaced with waste tire mulch, which will last much longer. City crews came together from several departments to move playground equipment, level and prepare the ground, remove the sand, and add the mulch. This was a much-needed upgrade to the area and was completed just in time for spring! Thank you to each person that worked hard to get this playground

cleaned up-teamwork got the job done! We would also like to thank KDHE for the Waste Tire Grant Program and funds we received, without which this project could not have been completed.

Last, but certainly not least, the city will be doing a large mill and overlay project on Park Road. The road work will take two weeks or more to complete, weather permitting. Construction zones are sometimes an inconvenience, especially on busy roads. However, with the deterioration of Park Road, it is a much-needed repair and is next on the list on the Transportation Plan. Once construction begins, plan on alternate routes to work, school, etc. Remember that this is a temporary inconvenience, and the result will be a much better road for travelers.

Be aware that with these projects, there could be one-lane roads, temporary road closures, and construction vehicles in or near the roadway. Please exercise caution in work zones once construction begins.

We appreciate the community's support and patience while these projects are being completed.



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 The City of Garnett recently completed a project at the city park which added recycled tire mulch to the play areas.

ECKAAA menu for the week

Following is the menu for March 21 to March 27. Suggested meal donation is \$4, reservation or cancellation for a meal must be made with your site by 11 a.m. the day before.

Colony nutrition site number is (620) 852-3530, Kincaid is (620) 439-5449, Richmond is (785) 393-4213 and Garnett is (785) 448-0065. The ECKAAA office can be reached at (785) 242-7200.

Friday, March 21

Biscuit and gravy, sausage links, fruit crisp

Monday, March 24

Chicken fried rice, oriental blend, whole wheat bread, pineapple

Tuesday, March 25

Hamburger stroganoff, green beans, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, March 26

Chili, corn, cinnamon roll, orange juice

Thursday, March 27

Baked chicken, mashed potatoe, green beans, whole wheat bread, fruit fluff

Trendal tops on pitch night

On the 13th of March Kyle Trendel, the youngest member of our group, captured the top spot winning 8 of 10 games. Pat Uhlenhake won the least number of games. Jessie Duncan won the 50/50 and Jan Wards had the most perfect hands

of 13 with four.

Please join us on Thursday evenings promptly at 6 o'clock for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Snacks are furnished by the players and we have lots of laughs. Always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting.

Spirit Rail Trail to celebrate 30 years & Walking Club kicks off 4/19

Sixteen Prairie Spirit Rail Trail members and five guests: Travis Wilson and Kris Hix from the City of Garnett and Trent McCowen, James Manning and Benjamin Hutchison from Wildlife and Parks met March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Archer Room at the library,

The Prairie Spirit Rail Trail will be celebrating their 30th

Birthday Celebration in 2026. Ruth Theis had asked personnel from the City and Wildlife and Parks to the trail meeting to give some input on making plans for the celebration.

April 11, 2025 the trail members will be planting flower beds at the depot. Susan Wettstein shared information on the April 9th to July 9th Walking

Club. The Waking Club "Kick Off is April 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the Garnett Recreation Center. Registration "Kit" are available at the Garnett Chamber of Commerce Inside City Hall Building. The phone number is 785-448-6767.. The next trail meeting will be April 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Garnett Recreation Center.

Public Notice

Notice of sale - Adams Estate

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 20, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of KENDALL L. ADAMS, Deceased

Case No. AN-2024-PR-000010 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that Carla Denise Adams, Administratrix of the Estate of Kendall L. Adams, deceased, will offer for sale at public auction the following described personal property:

Vehicles:

- 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup 4x4
- 1998 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup
- 2005 Ford F-350 Dually Pickup, Flatbed
- 1985 GMC Dump Truck

Trailers:

- 24' Titan Gooseneck Stock Trailer
- 16' Bumper-pull Stock Trailer
- Truckbed Trailer (white)
- Flatbed Trailer with broken axel

Equipment:

- Hay Rake
- Gravity Wagon (no front wheels)
- Ferguson 2 Bottom Plow
- 3-Point Tractor Post Hole Digger

- Tractor Scraper (yellow)
- 6' Tractor Scoop -Westerndolf
- 3 Spear Bale Spear
- 5' 3-Point Blade (yellow)
- Bale Spear/Fork Tractor Attachment
- 8' Drag
- Miscellaneous:
- B&W 5th Wheel Hitch
- Black Toolbox for Truck
- Honda 4-Wheeler (junk/parts)
- Liquid Feed Tub
- 100-gallon Fuel Transfer Tank
- Chainsaws (2)
- Chainsaw Sharpener
- Miter Saw with stand
- Pickup Bed on Truck Frame
- Ford Truckbed (detached)
- 28 large round bales of hay

on March 29, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at 25913 SD 500th Rd, Kincaid, KS 66039, to the highest bidder for cash.

All parties interested should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Carla Denise Adams, Administratrix

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Notice of hearing for name change

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 20, 2025)

IN THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Robbin Christine Warren

To Change Her Name to: Robbin Christine Lomberk

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000006

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING – PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Robbin Christine Warren, filed a Petition in the above court on the 13th day of February, 2025, requesting a

judgment and order changing her name from Robbin Christine Warren to Robbin Christine Lomberk.

The petition will be heard in Anderson County District Court, 100 E. 4th Ave, #2, Garnett, Kansas on the 14th day of April, 2025, at 11:45 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before April 14, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Robbin Christine Warren
 Petitioner, Pro Se
 Robbin Christine Warren
 227 East 3rd Ave.
 Garnett, KS 66032
 816-780-7285

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Notice of ordinance relating to burning within Westphalia

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Ordinance No. 204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, KANSAS RELATING TO BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the City of Westphalia, Kansas has determined that it is necessary for a Burn Ordinance to be adopted.

Section 1. Open burning within the City Limits of Westphalia is prohibited except as conducted in strict compliance with the following provisions:

- a. Open burning shall be allowed as follows:
 1. In a container constructed of iron, steel, brick, concrete or stone in a substantial manner which shall be a closed receptacle, with a tight door at the bottom if any opening is there, and the opening at the top shall be protected in a secure manner by a wire screen of not less than number nine (9) gauge wire and not to exceed one (1") inch mesh. If such container is constructed of iron or steel, it shall be thinner than fourteen (14) B.W gauge.
 2. Branches, sticks, leaves, and other yard waste may be burned in a ditch but shall not extend into or burned in the city streets.
 3. Cardboard, paper, and other paper products may be burned only in a container with a wire screen cover as provided in subsection (1) above.
 4. Conducted only one (1) hour after sunrise to 10 p.m.
- b. Large brush pile fires shall be allowed as follows:
 1. With a Burn Permit issued by the Anderson County Fire Department.
 2. The fire shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any structure, combustible material, or property line.
- c. Recreational fires shall be allowed without the issuance of an Open Burn Permit if the following conditions are met:
 1. The fire shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any structure, combustible material, or property line.
 2. The fire shall not be larger than four (4') feet in diameter and three (3') in height.
- d. In all cases listed above, the following is required:
 1. A permanent water source shall be readily available.
 2. The fire shall be at all times attended to by an adult and supervised until the fire has been

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extinguished.
 3. The ground around the fire area shall be cleared to form a firebreak to prevent fire spread.

e. Open Burning is PROHIBITED specifically as follows:

1. Burning of household garbage, metal and aluminum appliances, or distraught homes, shelters, trailers, barns, or sheds.
2. In a container that does not meet the specifications above described
3. Without prior notice to the Anderson County Fire Department or the issuance of a burn permit (when required).
4. In inclement weather.
5. With wind exceeding fifteen (15 mph) miles per hour and gusting from a direction which causes a nuisance to any occupied structure, neighbors, or public roadway;
6. In foggy conditions.
7. In extensive cloud coverage.
8. If a haze is created that restricts visibility on any City Street; or
9. In violations of a burn ban in effect.

Section 2. The City Council encourages residents to haul limbs, branches, and trees to the designated City Disposal drop-off site east of Westphalia.

Section 3. The City Council encourages residents to dispose of all recyclable products (cardboard, paper, glass, metal cans, etc.) in the City Recycle Dumpster brought in one week a month.

Section 4. The Anderson County Commissioners, the Mayor, or the Anderson County Fire Chief shall have the authority to enact a Burn Ban if it is determined that extremely dry conditions exist.

Section 5. Violators of the Burn Ordinances will be reported to the Law Enforcement Officer and fined a minimum of \$50, not to exceed \$500.

Section 6. Force and Effect: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon passage, approval, and publication one time in the Anderson County Newspaper.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the mayor, this 11th day of March, 2025.

Governed by:
 /s/Drake Dieker, Mayor

Attested by:
 /s/Janet Huss, City Clerk

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General notice to control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County commissioners of Anderson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Anderson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

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1. Serving a legal notice requiring control

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Creative Kids - Part 2

Shadows

by Isabell McKinley
5th Grade - Central Heights
Mrs. Katie Riemer

"Honey! Are the kids in the car!?" My mom says, to my dad. She puts all of our camping stuff in the back trunk. My brother then runs down the stairs of the house. "Come on slow poke!" He says. After a few moments, my dad comes upstairs to my room. He came into my room, I wasn't on the bed. "Isabell?" My dad says. I went out of the bathroom, I was in there brushing my teeth. "Come on, Mom is getting impatient." He says. I went back to the bathroom, put my toothbrush down, and ran downstairs, same with my dad. I get into the car and shut the door, Caiden my brother, on his phone. "Took y'all long enough."

A couple of hours later.
We are at the lake after a couple of hours. We put the tent up and put sleeping bags inside. My brother Caiden and I have our tent. I fall asleep first, they are all having marshmallows without me. I wanted them to wake me up, but I would be mad and cough up an attitude.

But eh I don't like smores that much anyways.

After everyone was asleep, I put my hand on my nose, red on my hand when I looked, it was BLOOD. I ran to my parents' tent, the tent was already open though, so I just walked in.

"Mo....." I say horrified. The reason why I was terrified, was because she was not there sleeping. I look for her my nose still bleeding. After a couple of minutes of looking for her, I got really tired and stopped looking for her. So I walked back into my parents' tent and woke up my dad by "DAD

MOM IS GONE, I LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR HER AND SHE ISN'T ANYWHERE TO BE SEEN!!!!" I scream. He woke up fast.

"What...?" He says horrified. "Is she in the bathroom or something? Did you look in the car? And she could go to get food for us, is the car here still or not? Go look, please."

I go look, the car was still there, and she wasn't there either. And all of a sudden, I heard Mom scream from the woods... "AHHHHH!!!! HELP ME!!!!" I sat there terrified, tears coming out of my eyes. I heard something and like water splat closely.

And then another scream. It was too late, for me to go and try to run there and help. I walk to my dad's tent. "Dad... We need to get Mom a grave now..." "I say tears running down my eyes fast, I rub under my nose, a lot of blood on the back of my hand. "Why?" He says.

"It's too late, she..." I pause and look at him. He knew what I meant. He looked even more terrified than earlier. He starts crying hard. I start crying too, but not as hard as him. We both fell asleep.

The next day.
I woke up with blood on my Mom's pillow, I got up and tried to smile but I ended up crying instead. My dad was awake too, he rubbed my back. "it's okay. Go tell your brother about the murder of your Mom." He says calmly. I tell my brother and his eyes widen, tears streaming down his eyes. I felt really bad to see him crying. But there is still a secret about my mother's death, and I will kill the person or creature. I will stand my ground for my mother.

THE END

The Scary Ghost

by Wyatt Moon
5th Grade - Central Heights
Mrs. Riemer
Honorable Mention

In the heart of a forgotten village, surrounded by dense, whispering woods, stood an ancient mansion known as Black Hollow. The villagers spoke of it in hushed tones, warning each other away from its rotting facade and shattered windows. They said it was cursed, a place where light dared not linger and shadows danced to forgotten melodies.

On a dare one cold autumn night, four friends-Emily, Jack, Sarah, and Tom-decided to explore Black

Hollow. Armed with flashlights, an air of bravado, and the thrill of adventure, they approached the mansion. As they stepped over the threshold, a chill crept into their bones, and the heavy door swung shut behind them with a bone-rattling thud.

Inside, the air was thick with dust and despair. Cobwebs hung like curtains, and the only sound was the distant creak of the old wooden floor beneath their feet. "This place is just a dump," Jack scoffed, though his bravado began to wane as the shadows seemed to grow around them.

The group made their way to the grand hall, where a grand chandelier

hung precariously above, its crystals reflecting their flashlights in a haunting dance. Sarah suggested they split up to explore the ground floor while the others hesitated. "What's the worst that could happen?" she said, trying to mask her growing unease.

Reluctantly, they agreed, each taking a different path. Tom and Emily headed toward the kitchen, where decades-old pots and pans lay scattered. Jack and Sarah ventured into a narrow hallway lined with framed portraits that seemed to watch their every move. Jack chuckled nervously, "Wouldn't it be great if one of these creepy paintings came to life?"



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Creative Kids - Part 2

Abby & Cassie

by Maggie Rios
St. Rose - 6th Grade
Norma Rockers
Honorable Mention

The car bumped along the dusty gravel road. Abby glanced down at her phone. A message from her friend Brooklyn in New York that read. "Heyyyy Abbs we're going to miss you soooooo muuuuch xoxo". Abby placed her phone down on the car seat and sighed. "What's wrong hon?" her dad said looking at her in the rearview. "I'm just going to miss Brook" said Abby. "It's all going to be alright after all you guys can FaceTime". "Yeah you're right". Her father flashed a warm grin. Just then the family pulls into a driveway of a small white house. "Dadddd" Abby's big sister Anna said through a groan. "Yes"? There's no service here!" Anna said frantically running around with her phone in the air. "You will be fine without Instagram for a few days until the internet guy comes," said Dad in a rather disappointed tone. "Whatever" said Anna sarcastically. Abby grasped her bags and walked inside. "Just like grandma left it" said Dad. "Yeah" Abby said walking upstairs to her bedroom. She throws her bag in her bean bag chair and falls into her bed, drowning in her rainbow comforter. Just then she hears the sound of kids giggling outside. She jumps up and looks out the window to see a girl wave at her as a little boy chucks a water balloon at her. Abby laughs and turns around to go downstairs when she hears the doorbell. She walks over to answer it. "Hi" "um hello" "I'm Cassie" I'm Abby said Abby. "So can I come inside?" Said Cassie "Um sure" said Abby "soooooo you're the new neighbors huh"? "Yep my grandma just passed away". "OH MY GOSH I AM SO SORRY!" "We weren't even close," said Abby. "Oh ok" said Cassie. "Do you go to Hiddenville Middle School"? "Yeah" said Abby. "See ya tomorrow!" said Cassie. "Bye" said Abby. "It's

already 7:30!" Dad exclaimed from the kitchen. "Mom can pick up pizza on her way home," said Anna. Abby walked up to her room, plopped on her bed and fell asleep. "Abbs wake up" said Anna violently shaking Abby. "There's pizza in the fridge" said Anna. "Yeah" said Abby half awake. Abby woke up to her alarm beeping as loud as possible. She jumped out of bed threw on her red hoodie and some leggings and dashed downstairs. "Bye!" she exclaimed as she ran to the bus. "Abby" a familiar voice rang. She went and sat by Cassie. "I got to study," said Cassie. "Ok" Abby fell back to sleep. She woke up and walked in with Cassie. Once they walked in they found their home room and she saw her new desk. "Hey" said a boy behind her "Hi Abby said back. "You're really pretty...do you want to go to the dance with me?". Asked the boy. "Um sure," said Abby. The boy blushed. "I'm Conner", "Abby". Just then the bell rang. "Lunch time class, don't forget about page 77 in your science book". Abby ran to Cassie "Conner asked me to the dance!" said Abby in shock. "GO GIRLLLLL!" Shouted Cassie as she grabbed her tray. "I have nothing to wear!" Said Abby. "You're paranoid," said Cassie. "I know". Later that day Abby gets off the bus and runs into Anna's room. "I need a dress and makeup. I'm going to a dance!" Abby and Anna spent thirty minutes finding clothes, doing makeup. "Done," said Anna. She looked in the mirror amazed. "Go show Dad," said Anna jumping up and down. She dashed downstairs and took a picture with her Dad. "You look beautiful hon" said Dad. "Thanks," said Abby. Her dad kissed her forehead, and walked her out to the car. The whole car ride to the school she could hardly breathe. Nobody has ever asked her to a dance before. Once she got to school Conner handed her a bouquet of flowers. That was the best night of her life except for when she and Conner got married.

The Sunflower Artist

by Gracelynn Yoder
6th Grade - St. Rose
Mrs. Rockers
The Sunflower Artist

There is a girl named Liz. She loves to draw. In fact she is really good at drawing. Her favorite thing to do is to draw sunflowers. She loves to draw sunflowers so much because she has a sunflower field in her backyard. She always sits outside on the porch and draws sunflowers. The sunflowers in her backyard are beautiful. Some of the sunflowers are tall

and some of them are short. Liz has always been amazed at how the sunflowers turn different directions at different times of the day. So every morning she goes to the porch to draw and watch the sunflowers. Most of the time she draws sunflowers because that is her favorite thing to draw. It is also the most beautiful thing she can draw. Her mom taught her everything she knows about drawing. Her mom's name is Lily. Lily likes to draw self portraits of herself.

Tom

by Maddie Frizwater
St. Rose - 6th Grade
Norma Rockers

Tom was a guy my parents knew before I was born. I don't remember much from those days but I will try my best here we go. I don't remember how we met but I remember him giving me a doll with a pink dress and blond hair. And I remember him giving my brother Joe who is a year younger than me a toy army helicopter and army men to play with. While he talked to my mom and dad Joe and I ran to the sand box and played while they talked. A week later my mom Joe and I got on Tom's side by side. We went to his woods and he had a swing and by the swing was a big rock that he said was a meteorite. We played on the swing then went back to his house where he gave us a teddy bear and candy then we went back home. He kept coming to our house to talk to

my parents and give us toys. But one day we heard terrible news that Tom was in the hospital and they couldn't figure out what was wrong until it was too late. Tom had passed away from a tick bite he got from mowing the grass. Joe was 8 and I was 9. We went to his funeral. We were sad. We missed our old friend. They auctioned off his house and we bought a couple tools and Tom's truck from that sale. We went to his woods but we couldn't find the meteorite. And that's all I can recall.



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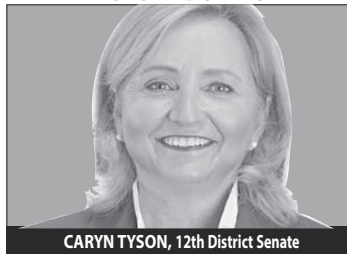
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Selecting Kansas Supreme Court Justices may no longer be decided by the governor

March 7, 2025

Work continues as we have 7 working days left for committees to meet for the 2025 session. The Senate passed property tax legislation early in session. Hopefully, we will see movement on this important legislation in the next week or two. All legislation can be found at www.KSLegislature.gov.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE



CARYN TYSON, 12th District Senate

Electing State Supreme Court Justices passed the Senate in Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1611, a constitutional amendment that passed on a vote of 27 to 13. If SCR 1611 passes the House with a two-thirds majority, voters will have an opportunity to decide if they want to change the selection process for state supreme court justices. Currently, the governor appoints a nominating committee that provides three candidates, from which the governor makes the final appointment. SCR 1611 would create a process where the voters would elect state supreme court justices. It was reported 22 states currently have some type of election process. For several years debate has continued over changing the process. The Court of Appeals selection process changed with Senate approval, and it's proven to be a good thing. A few years ago, the Governor nominated a person that didn't get one Yes vote - not a single one. I voted Yes on SCR 1611.

Child Support would include retirement accounts when attempting to collect child support if Senate Bill (SB) 237 becomes law. These are never easy decisions, but the bill passed the Senate unanimously.

Ballots will be due on election day, doing away with the three-day grace period after election day if SB 4 passes into law. The bill passed the

Senate and was sent to the House, where it was amended to delay the start until 2026 elections instead of 2025. While this delay is disappointing, the Senate opted to concur instead of having a conference committee negotiate the start date. The Senate passed the change 30 to 10. I voted Yes to send the bill to the Governor.

The Property Tax Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) currently charges for some appeals. Some tax protesters must pay a filing fee each year until the case is heard. SB 269 would change this so that the fee is good until the case is heard, no matter how many years it takes, resulting in a one-time filing fee. It is just common-sense. The bill passed the Senate unanimously.

BOTA also needs more staff to deal with all the appeals. SCR 1603 would help decrease the number of appeals, limiting taxable valuation increases to a maximum of 3% each year. The Senate passed this measure in February. I spoke with some constituents this week who want the opportunity to vote on on this measure since it is a constitutional amendment. First, it must pass the House with a two-thirds majority before appearing on the ballot for voters. If it passes, it would take effect January 1st, 2026.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 12th District State Senator. Caryn

Colony Christian Church - Pastor Reibel wraps up series from Exekiel

Rochelle Smart led worship singing "Power in the Blood," "Awesome God," "Give us Clean Hands" and "I will Fear no More." She was accompanied by Mike and Isla Billings. Ethan Prasko was on percussion.

Howard Reiter told us that no one can add one hour to their life by worrying in his communion meditation. Jesus said, in Matthew 6:25, "do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on." We must trust God that He will take care of us.

Pastor Chase Reibel finished up the series from Ezekiel with

chapters 40-48, "God's Glory Returns to the Temple." God has a perfect plan for us and Jesus is how that plan is accomplished. God showed Ezekiel a vision of a temple with a river of living water flowing from under one of its thresholds and this water flowed to the sea healing the waters of the sea. In John chapter 4 Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well this living water and in Revelation 22 this river of living water flows from the throne of God.

Please continue to pray for Luke Smith, grandson of Steve Green.

Open Records Act request from the Review for the organization's latest salary figures from 2024.

McGhee said he expects the issue to generate a possible joint meeting of the member counties in coming weeks.

County attorney Steve Wilson said Slyter's lack of a criminal record and the non-violent nature of the offense makes it unlikely he will receive a sentence of jail time in connection with the conviction.

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ings to Medicaid. Chief Information Officer Steven Dooley, his own compensation listed on the 2023 IRS 990 filing at more than \$311,000, did not immediately return a Kansas

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been a scheduled five-day trial. Penalties for the two possession felonies run from 5 to 34 months imprisonment and a fine of up to \$100,000.

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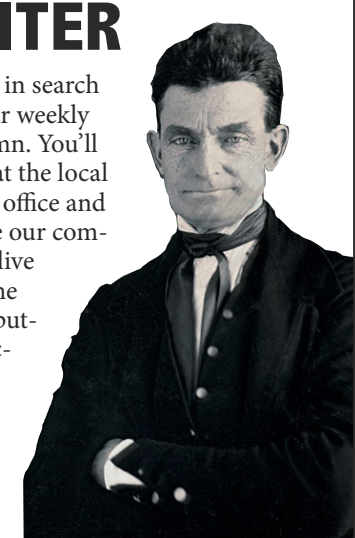
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Central Heights graduate Dr. Cecilia Mathis has a heart for women's health

From St. Lukes Newsroom
Cecilia Mathis, MD, has been with the Anderson County Hospital Family Care Center for just over a year. During that time, she has enjoyed reconnecting with her home community and getting to know her growing panel of patients and their families.

As a family medicine physician, Dr. Mathis specializes in providing quality care for men, women, and children of all ages.

As a woman and as a mother, she has a keen interest in caring for other women, helping to navigate the many changes women experience throughout their lifetime and the unique challenges and health concerns they may face.

"As a family doctor, we are trained to provide care throughout all life stages, but it's so much more than that," said Dr. Mathis. "There's always a lot to consider, and even more so for women. It's important for me to build a trusting relationship with each of my patients and not only care for their physical needs, but also consider the

connected emotional, social, and spiritual aspects that impact their overall well-being and quality of life."

Puberty
"So many changes occur in the female body during puberty," said Dr. Mathis. "Every child is different. When you start to see those changes, typically between the ages of 12 - 15, it's a good time to check in."

A primary care provider can help a young patient understand what changes are happening and why, what to expect, and what's not normal.

Reproductive age
As women enter their child-bearing years, the family provider is often the first point of contact to confirm a pregnancy or discuss concerns about infertility.

Dr. Mathis provides preconception counseling for women hoping to become pregnant, along with any initial imag-



Mathis

ing, lab work, and confirmatory pregnancy tests. She will discuss options and assist with referrals for specialized fertility or labor and delivery services, helping to identify care options that best meet the patient's and their family's needs.

Dr. Mathis is also trained on some of the latest contraceptive treatments and in-office procedures.

"When it comes to contraception, there are many options available," said Mathis. "I can share the risks and benefits of various treatments in relation to personal medical history and fertility goals, providing education so my patients can feel confident

in making a choice that's right for them."

Menopause and post-menopause

As a woman ages, her health care needs continue to change. "Women who are nearing menopause may experience a wide variety of symptoms like hot flashes and mood changes, sleep interference, irregular bleeding, and weight gain," said Dr. Mathis. "These symptoms can last many years, so it's important to talk with your provider about any changes you're experiencing and how you feel."

You don't have to suffer through menopause. There are various treatment options available to help manage

symptoms and your provider can help determine what treatment options might be best.

"With each milestone comes new recommendations for preventive screenings and immunizations," said Dr. Mathis. "Any time you notice a change, even something that may seem insignificant, it's a good time to schedule a check-up with your provider and make sure you're on the right track."

When asked about her best advice, Dr. Mathis shared, "While you might feel healthy, it's so important to schedule annual wellness and well-woman exams with your primary care provider."

VANDALS...

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The recent incident illuminates a current discussion among city leaders regarding the need for new surveillance cameras at city hall. Commissioners recently heard a proposal for a \$9,800 system that included 24/7 surveillance of city hall's 5th Avenue headquarters and the surrounding area, but that proposal did not include the depot or any other city structures. Commissioner Nate Wiehl questioned the cost of that proposal at the recent commission meeting and said he'd like to see other proposals entertained as well.

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rarely pay off.

KPI has repeatedly published on the failures of taxpayer-funded subsidies for businesses. These include the more than \$1 billion to Panasonic, hundreds of millions to Integra, or when individual taxpayers paid more so that some favored industry got a break.

HB 2308 is another example of failed economic planning. The \$21 return-on-investment claim is bogus—ignoring how

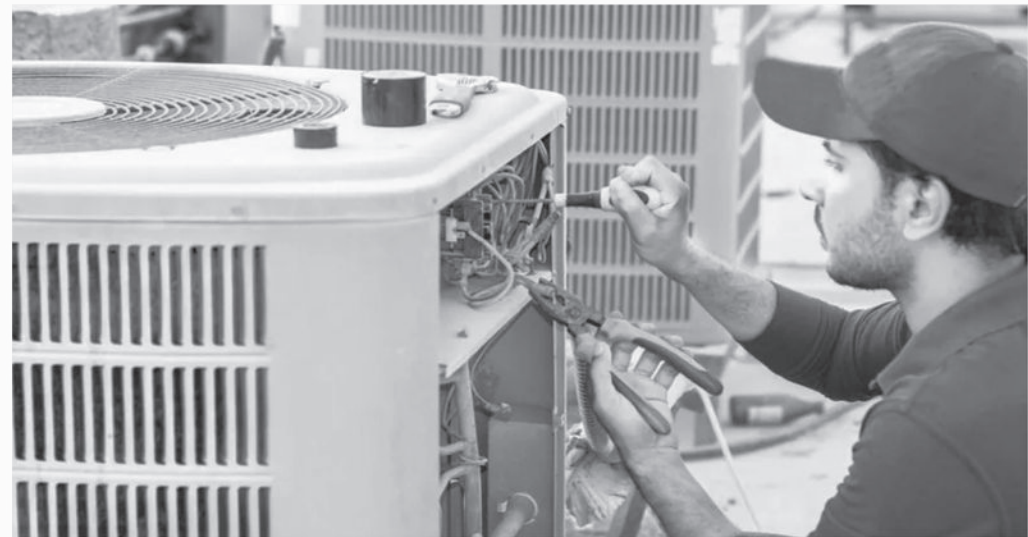
taking money from taxpayers reduces economic activity elsewhere. History has shown that these programs don't work—businesses take the incentives, stay for a while, and then leave once the subsidies run out.

Instead of propping up politically favored industries, Kansas should focus on lower taxes, responsible spending, and a level playing field for all businesses. That's how to support real, lasting prosperity.

— Vance Ginn, Ph.D., is a Senior Fellow at Kansas Policy Institute, President of Ginn Economic Consulting, and Host of the Let People Prosper Show.

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