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Dispatcher gets nod to head up department

Commissioners pick local native with background in emergency communications for EM position

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – Anderson County Commissioners selected a county native with a background in emergency communications to fill the post of county Emergency Preparedness Director. Sarah Burkhart of Garnett will leave her current post as an Anderson County Sheriff's Department dispatcher May 2 and begin her new position heading up emergency management on May 5.



Burkhart

Burkhart graduated from Anderson County High School in 2000 and holds a bachelor's in Business from Emporia State University, as well as a bachelors in Human and Social Services from Ottawa University. She's worked for Anderson County Dispatch for five years; prior to that she managed a local convenience store, worked at the county health department, the Elizabeth Layton Center and with State Farm Insurance.

"Each of those roles gave me valuable experience in communication, crisis management, and public service—all of which I'll carry into my new position," Burkhart told the Review.

As head of emergency management, Burkhart will function as a liaison with state and federal agencies, working with local governments, private organizations, and volunteers to address emergency-related activities. The role encompasses planning, education, budget management, and overall coordination of the county's emergency management program. County Rural Fire Coordinator Cruz Gillespie has covered the roll on an interim basis since January. She'll earn a little over \$52,000 a year in the position. Burkhart says she looks forward to advancing her training as she

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Counties will decide individually on SEKMHC subsidies

Commissioner locks Review reporter out of multi-county meeting

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA – A meeting of county commissioners to discuss what some are calling exorbitantly high salaries among upper management at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center organization may have violated the law in banning a reporter last week – but nothing was accomplished to change the statutory mechanics of funding for the 6-county mental health district under fire for its management payroll.

The summation of the weeks-long hand wringing by county commissioners whose appointed SEKMHC board members allowed the center's executive director to notch a salary and benefits package exceeding \$600,000 is consistent with state statutes currently guid-

ing the operation – commissioners can fund the organization at any level they want – or not fund it at all.

Anderson County legal counsel James Campbell reviewed Kansas Statute 65-212 with his county commissioners Monday in Garnett. "The board of county commissioners of any such county may, upon the establishment of such mental health clinic, levy an annual tax upon all taxable tangible property in such county for the operation of such mental health clinic..."

"I'm looking at the word 'may,' and that's not the word 'must,'" Campbell told commissioners.

Defining that statute is key to the hub-bub surrounding the revelation of those executive salaries, a story first broken in late March by the Review, after an analysis of SEK's non-profit 990 IRS tax filing that lists the salaries of those key managers. County commissioners in the organization have discussed privately suspending their subsi-

dies due to those high salaries, or reducing them to a perfunctory \$1 annually if forced by statute to contribute.

The review of the statute by Anderson County's legal counsel appears to show that both are options, but would have to be initiated individually among member counties during their upcoming summer budgeting period for 2026.

The IRS filings show executive director Nathan Fawson earns some \$628,000 in salary and benefits, in addition to compensation for other key employees in the hundred of thousands of dollars. Those salaries are the result, according to SEKMHC board vice chair Dana Spencer in her presentation to the gathering of commissioners last week, of a private consultant's salary recommendation which was later approved and implemented by her board members.

Each county appoints two members to the SEK board, and funds the organization to the tune

of around \$100,000 apiece in tax money annually. According to tax filings from all 26 Kansas mental health center regions, Fawson's is the highest salary paid statewide.

So as not to violate the Open Meetings Act with a quorum of any commission in attendance, only one commissioner from each county was set to attend Thursday night's fact-finding discussion. The meeting was announced publicly at Anderson and Linn County Commission meetings prior to Thursday. It was led by Allen County Commissioner David Lee and included Anderson County Commissioner Mike Blaufuss, Linn County Commissioner Jim Johnson, Gail Klassen from the Neosho County Commission and Justin Clark from Woodson County Commission. Spencer was the sole member of the SEK governing board to attend, and described the process by which the salaries were

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Gardner, Tyson, Schmoie make take a victory lap at Saturday legislative coffee

GARNETT – Local legislators are expected to take a bit of a victory lap Saturday when they meet at Garnett Town Hall Center for a legislative coffee at the conclusion of a Kansas legislative session broadly deemed a success by conservative legislators.

The meeting, featuring presentations from 9th District Representative Fred Gardner, 59th District Representative Rebecca Schmoie and 12th District Senator Caryn Tyson will begin at 9 a.m. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Anderson County Republican Party.

The session culminated earlier this month in record time, with Republicans overriding 14 of Democrat Governor Laura Kelly's 18 vetoes, including the late in the game override of a veto on Senate Bill 269 which ties future income tax cuts in the state to legislative spending reductions.

The state got more good news after the close of the session in that state revenue estimates are expected to exceed original expectations. Republicans say that's because huge tax increases in 2015 – aimed

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Veto overrides halt Covid-style shutdown orders; protects people of faith from discrimination in adoption, fostering

BY MICHAEL RYAN THE HEARTLANDER

TOPEKA – Kansas lawmakers earlier this month overrode the governor's veto of a bill restricting COVID-style shutdowns and another bill protecting people of faith in fostering and adopting children.

The Substitute for Senate Bill 29 will convert COVID-style shutdown orders by state and local health officials into recommendations only that must be approved by an elected body. It also prohibits the use of law enforcement officers to enforce health orders on individuals, such as quarantines and mask or vaccine

mandates.

The Republican-majority House voted 86-38 to override Democrat Laura Kelly's veto, while the Republican-majority Senate voted 31-9.

Lawmakers also overrode Kelly's veto of HB 2311, which will prevent the state from discriminating against people of faith in foster care and adoptions of children in the state's custody or control.

The votes to override that veto were 87-38 and 31-9.

Kelly's veto of HB 2311 would have allowed the state to require fostering

and adopting parents to affirm a child's gender identity.

The national Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) wrote Thursday that the veto override of HB 2311 "ensures families and faith-based adoption and foster care organizations who want to provide loving homes for kids are not pushed out because of their religious or moral beliefs about human sexuality."

"Every child deserves a loving home that can provide them stability and opportunities to grow," ADF

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 4-24-2025 / DANE HICKS

Heavy rains this week dropped more than 5 inches of rain in some parts of Anderson County, swelling local creeks and closing the Cedar Valley Reservoir campground areas. Rain chances decreased but were still present through this weekend.

Anderson County on lower end of region for insurance claims for storm damage last year

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA – As the 2025 spring storm season goes into full swing, the Kansas Insurance Department has released the total amount of storm damage claims for each county during 2024.

Anderson County ranked toward the bottom of counties in the region with some \$778,000 in storm damage turned into insurance carriers. Allen County had \$992,000, Coffey County \$355,000, Osage \$2.4 million, Linn \$3 million and Franklin \$2.7 million. Johnson County had the highest claims at more than \$183 million; Greeley County was the lowest with some \$35,000.

The information is collected annually by Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt as part of the offices statistical research.

"The Kansas Department of

Insurance calls on insurance companies for yearly data to better understand the impact of storm events across the state," said Commissioner Schmidt. "The Department uses this data as a tool to monitor trends in the marketplace."

In 2024, reported 56,778 storm claims that generated payouts from insurance companies of \$612,069,643.50. A county-by-county breakdown of the data can be found on the Department's website at www.insurance.ks.gov.

The Department collected data from companies writing property and casualty insurance in Kansas. This data includes the number of total claims as well as the amount paid for those claims across several types of storm losses including hail, wind, water damage, and

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Millions in federal funds set to go to DEI for nurses

BY LIEF LE MAHEU THE DAILY WIRE

WASHINGTON D.C. – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will hand out over \$20 million in "diversity" grants this year aimed at increasing the number of minority nurses, even as the Trump Administration has sought to crack down on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The purpose of the initiative, known as the Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWP) Program, is to "increase nursing education opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented among registered nurses)." It is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, an

agency of HHS, and has distributed nearly \$200 million in grants since 2008.

Applications for the 2025 iteration closed last month, and the Health Resources and Services Administration estimates that it will shell out over \$22 million on the program in July when the funds are set to be awarded. The program's Notice of Funding lays out the purposes of the program, which include increasing racial minorities enrolled in nursing programs and increasing the number of minorities who receive "support" to stay in nursing programs.

The notice refers to a glossary from the Bureau of Health Workforce to define "underrepresented" racial and ethnic minorities. This definition excludes

both whites and Asians, and only includes American Indians or Alaska Natives, black or African Americans, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics.

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration, 76% of the 2,033 students who were trained under the program from the 2022-2024 school year "identified" as an underrepresented minority, meaning that they were neither white nor Asian.

Do No Harm, an organization that seeks to rid the medical field of politics, told The Daily Wire that the program incentivizes nursing schools to engage in racial discrimination and is based on faulty med-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

COLONY CITYWIDE SALES
Colony Citywide Yard Sales, April 25 & 26. Maps at local Colony businesses.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH GARAGE SALE TO BE 5/3
St. John's Church in Greeley will hold a garage sale and bake sale on Saturday, May 3, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., 406 S. Prairie, Greeley.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY TACO DINNER FUNDRAISER
The Richmond Public Library will have a taco dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, 2025. To be held at the Richmond Community Building, serving from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Prices will be listed on our Facebook page and our website. Winner to the Library raffle basket fundraiser will be drawn at the end of the evening.

LEGISLATIVE COFFEE 4/26
A legislative coffee featuring presentations on the recent session from local Kansas House and Senate members will be held from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Town Hall Center in Garnett. Open to the public and sponsored by the Anderson County Republican Party.

GARNETT HIGH CLASS OF '75 REUNION MAY 9-11
Garnett High School Class of 75 is having their 50th Reunion May 9th-11th. Classmates and former teachers wanted! Reserve your meal for May 10th at Knights of Columbus by calling Sandra 785-204-2157. Check our FB page for a full list of events.

VINTAGE CLOTHING SHOW
The Anderson County Historical Society is presenting a Vintage Clothing Show at the Harris House of clothing prior to 1940. The show is April 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Harris House is located at 407 W. 4th Street one block east of Highway 59. Everyone is well welcome.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET MAY 1ST
The first meeting of 2025 of the Anderson County Historical Society will be May 1st at 6:30 p.m. It is our annual banquet and will be held at the Dutch Country Cafe on Hiway 59. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from historical society board members. Following our meal the Society's member of the year will be announced followed by our guest speaker.

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

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

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 14, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on April 14, 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 presented bids for a Bushog 4110 with a single wing offset for the department. Bids were from R&R Equipment, Heartland, and John Deere. R&R Equipment bid \$20,500, Heartland bid \$25,500, and John Deere bid \$25,573.24. Ethan received bids for larger rotary mowers but pricing was too high. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase a Bushog 4110 from R&R Equipment for \$20,500 to be paid out of the Special Equipment fund. All voted yes. Ethan gave an update on bridges that need repaired.

SEK Health Department

Rebecca Johnson, Director, met with the commission. She gave an annual update on the health department and programs they offer the county. She presented a 2026 budget request for the health department of \$91,670 which is 3% increase from the previous year. Commissioner McGhee stated the county will be avoiding increasing taxes this year so the requested increase may be denied.

Zoning

Tom Young, Zoning Director, met with the commission. There is an opening on the zoning board and the board of zoning appeals the is a city resident. Tom recommended Jessica Mills to both boards. She has agreed to the appointment. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to appoint Jessica Mills to the zoning board and the board of zoning appeals. All voted yes. Precision Enterprises, Garnett, met with the commissioners. They will be submitting a request to rezone a portion of their property as commercial and selling 4 acres to Payless Concrete. Payless Concrete will submit a zoning request to rezone the 4 acres to heavy industrial zone 2 to be able to operate a concrete plant with a special use permit. The businesses requested an approval for a temporary set up of the plant until the property sale and special use permit can be approved. The Commissioners approved Payless Concrete to temporarily set up a concrete plant at Precision Enterprises.

PIC Consultants

Rhonda Fernandez, PIC Consultants, met with the commission. She presented a quarterly report of the county health utilization. She fielded questions regarding renewal

and cost incurred to the county.

Abatements

Abatements B25-215 through B25-223 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

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

The Board of County Commissioners conducted interviews for the Emergency Management Director position from 1:00pm - 5:00pm on April 14th and April 15th.

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS

330-608 Garnett LLC to Doug Meyer and Connie Meyer: Lot 8 & E2 lot 9 blk 29 Town of Garnett.

Rachel Taow and Shawn Benjamin to Lawrence D Hall and Vanessa R Hall: Lot 4 blk 1 Westwood Acres Addition to City of Garnett.

Barbara A Foltz and Shawn C Foltz, POA to TDL, LLC: Lots 15 and 16 in block 5 in Parkview Addition to the City of Garnett and lots 5, 6, 7 & 8 in block 5 in Parkview Addition to the City of Garnett.

Chelsie Keith and Cheslie E Keith AKA to Jessica Wilson and Devon Wilson: Beginning at the nw corner of lot 2 in block 4 in Bryson Addition to the City of Garnett, thence east 78 feet, thence south 94 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction 43 feet, thence south 30 feet, thence west 42 feet, thence north 148 feet to the pob; also beginning at a point 78 feet east of the nw corner of lot 2, block 4, in Bryson Addition to the City of Garnett, thence east 22 feet, thence south 188 feet to the south line of said block 4, thence west 55 feet, thence north 70 feet, thence in a northeasterly direction 43 feet, thence north 94 feet to the pob.

Thomas L Tush and Janice I Tush to Howard L Tush and Dawn M Tush: A tract of land located in the e/2 of the se/4 of 3-21-19, further described as follows: beginning at the nw corner of the e/2 of se/4 of said section 3; thence s02°01'51" w on the west line of said e/2 of the se/4 a distance of 571.30 feet; thence s88°58'06" e a distance of 762.50 feet; thence n02°01'51" e to a point on the north line of said se/4 a distance of 517.30 feet; thence n88°58'06" w along said north line to the pob a distance of 762.50 feet. said tract contains 10.00 acres more or less.

Aust Family Farms LLC to WR North Ranch LLC: SE4 15-22-21.

Wendi Jett to Wendi Jett and Brandy Jett: W2 lot 8 & all lot 9 blk 14 City of Garnett.

James F Nolan and Christine M Nolan to James F Nolan and Christine M Nolan: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 blk 13 City of Westphalia.

Jeremy D McAdam and Kimberly A McAdam to Garret Cullor: All lot 19 & south 12 1/2' lot 18 blk 25 City of Greeley, according to subdivision plat thereof.

Albert Eugene Thacker Jr and Stephanie Thacker to Safe Haven Residential Center LLC: Lot 16 & north 35' lot 15 blk 7 Bailey's Orchard Park Addition (revised 1978) to City of

Garnett.

Delmar J Rockers to Aimee Pualii Murphy and Ty Sawyer Murphy: N2 lot 2 & all lot 3 & south 20' lot 4 & north 60' lot 4 & south 40' lot 5 blk 6 Bailey's Orchard Park Addition to City of Garnett (rev 1978).

Joanne L May and Jo May A/K/A to Jesse Bettinger: Lot 16 blk 9 Merrill's Addition to Town of Westphalia; & lot 17 & 12'6" off south side lot 8 blk 9 Merrill's Addition to Town of Westphalia.

Shirley L Kline to Stephen S Daggett Co Trustee to Melissa A F Daggett Co Trustee: Lot 7 except the east 10 feet and lot 8 except the west 10 feet, all in block 33 in the City of Garnett.

Ricky L King and Rebecca L King to Roger Kent Trust Dated 5/20/2015: The south 20 acres of the w/2 of the nw/4 of 15-21-20 except the mineral rights thereto which are previously reserved.

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479 April 14th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Crest Board Office, Colony, on Monday, April 14th, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present – Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Kevin Nilges, Lance Ramsey and Laura Schmidt.

Board Members Absent – Nathan Beckmon and Kevin Nilges

Others Present – Superintendent Shane Walter, MS/HS Principal Travis Hermreck, Board Clerk Lynette Prasko, and Jeremy DuPont.

Approval of Agenda – It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 5-0

Approval of Consent Agenda – It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 10th regular board meeting and March 28th special board meeting, bills in the amount of \$585,779.04, Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 5-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes – The minutes of the March 12th, 2025 ANW Special Education Cooperative

meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report – Mr. Walter discussed that field trips and State Assessments have been scheduled. He also mentioned many other end of school year events that are posted on the school website including:

Spring Music Concert (6th-12th Grades) - April 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Athletic Banquet for all sports - May 6th at 6:00 p.m.

8th Grade Promotion - May 9th at 6:00 p.m.

High School Graduation - May 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Items of Business

Website/School App

Mr. DuPont presented options to the board for school website and app providers including PowerSchool and Foxbright. It was recommended the current website be migrated to Foxbright based on cost and features.

FBLA – Mr. Walter explained that our FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) organization had students qualify for Nationals again this year and provided estimated costs, fundraiser plans and itinerary for June 27th- July 3rd. It was moved by Mrs. Laura Schmidt and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to approve the trip to the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California as presented. Vote: 5-0

Surplus Property – It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to approve the list of surplus property for disposal per Superintendent Walter's discretion using Purple Wave Auction. Vote: 5-0

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) - Food Program– Mrs. Prasko presented information about the Food Program Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Due to our district's free direct certification rates, we would be required to pay significantly more if we elected this option.

Nonresident Open Enrollment Capacity– Mr. Walter reviewed the district's enrollment history and projections. It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve the USD 479 student enrollment projections, the capacity, and nonresident open seats available as recommended and presented by Superintendent Walter. Vote: 5-0

Spring Sports – Mr. Hermreck discussed request from Southern Coffey County for Baseball/Softball partnership.

KASB – It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve 2025-2026 KASB Membership for \$5,050.17 and Legal Assistance Fund Contract for \$2,750.00. Vote: 5-0

Facility Improvements – Mr. Walter updated the board on the status and schedules on the improvements to school facilities.

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Laura Schmidt to approve expenditures as needed, not to exceed \$150,000.00 for Kansas State Fire Marshal required updates to building fire alarm system. Vote: 5-0

Personnel – Executive Session – It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing district staffing. The reason for the session was the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 5-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:42 p.m. and it was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to:

•transfer Danelle McGhee to MS/HS Business, Science, Art Teacher

•transfer Lynette Prasko to Part-Time MS/HS Business Teacher and Part-Time District Accountant

•hire Aubree Holloran as Elementary Teacher

•post the full-time District Board Clerk position opening

Vote: 5-0

Administrative Contracts – It was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to extend the contracts of Superintendent Walter, Principal Hermreck and Principal Edgerton for 1 year. Vote: 5-0

Adjournment – It was moved by Mr. Seth Black and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Vote: 5-0

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

Sarah Jane Akes, Welda, and Robert David Ball, Welda, have filled out an application for a marriage license.

Alan Christopher Haag, Garnett, and Tiffany Jean Hare, Garnett, have filled out an application for a marriage

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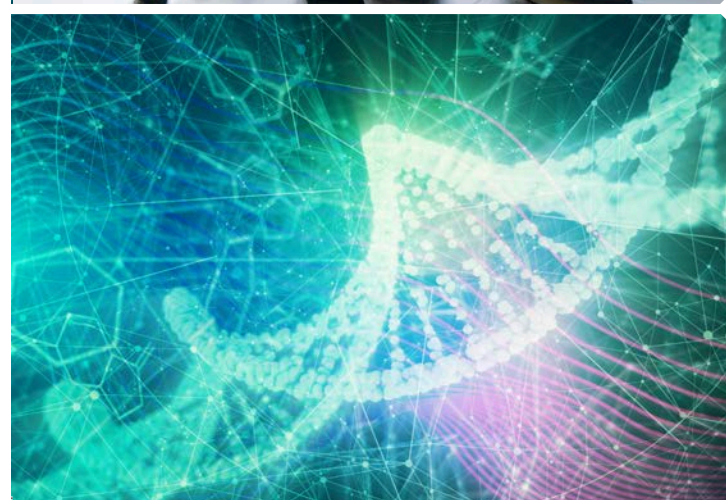
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FRENCH

FEBRUARY 22, 1936 — APRIL 20, 2025

Bernice Darlene French, age 89, headed to heaven on Easter Sunday, April 20th 2025. She was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, born on February 22, 1936, to Carl and Lelia Wiley. Bernice's first steps were taken on a farm near Greeley.



French

Her education started at Sugar Valley School and later transferred to Rosedale School in 1945 when the family moved to a new farm located west of Garnett. It was there that Bernice's love of animals flourished; Rosa the 500-pound pig, Flowers the skunk, Freckles the cow, and a multitude of others. After graduating from Garnett High in 1954, Bernice attended Clark's Business College in Topeka where she lived with a dozen girlfriends at what they called, "The Penny Pinchers Apartments." It was during this time her heart was stolen by Wayne French on a blind date at BoBo's. They were married on December 2, 1956, at Mont Ida Church. Topeka became their home with Bernice working for Caper's Weekly Newspaper. In 1960, the French family made the decision to move back to Bernice's childhood home near Garnett. Wayne and Bernice partnered with Don and Judy on what they called, "Fair Acres Farm." Outside of farm life, Bernice worked for the Anderson County Hospital in the administration office. Later she drove a bus while working at PJ in between routes. In 1979 she and Wayne took on the title of School Bus Managers for 20 years.

Bernice was a woman with many passions. She loved life on the farm; driving the equipment, raising the chickens, feeding the catfish, manning the rabbits' powder puff parlor, milking the cows, slopping pigs, and caring for the many cats and dogs.

You also found her doing her part as a 4-H leader, member of the TOPS club. With her embroidery sewing machine she created quilts that she proudly gave to children and grandchildren.

But her true passion was for God and her Mont Ida church. Bernice was one of God's best disciples as a Sunday School teacher, Children's Church coordinator, VBS volunteer, float designer, piano player, and pie baker.

Yet her family never doubted her love for them being there for each stage of life; thank you mom for being our teacher, cheerleader, counselor, role model, and friend. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne, her parents, Carl and Lelia Wiley, and her brother Don and Judy Wiley. To cherish her loving memory, she leaves three children: Tammie and Terry Henry, Gary and Janet French, and Cheryl and John Strobel. She will be forever remembered by her four grandsons; Jacob and Amy Strobel, Joe and Anne Strobel, Dalton and Sarah Henry, Taylor and Lauren French and five granddaughters; Kyra and Josh Elliott, Courtney Henry and Jason Coonrod, Jessica and Sam Carey, Lauren and Ty Lewis, Allie Henry and Micheal Carson. Eighteen children were blessed to call her great grandma. Bernice's memory will also be held dear by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Mont Ida Church of the Brethren in Mont Ida, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Bernice's family greeted friends on Wednesday evening at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkview Heights, Good Shepherd Hospice or Mont Ida Church of the Brethren and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

WILSON

FEBRUARY 5, 1938 — APRIL 20, 2025

Dr. Howard F. Wilson, age 87, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas.



Wilson

Howard Frank Wilson was born on February 5, 1938, in Garden City, Missouri. He was the third of three children born to George Lloyd and Elsie Mildred (Miller) Wilson. His formative years were spent on a farm near Parker, Kansas, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track during his time at Parker schools. Following his 1956 graduation, Howard continued his athletic pursuits in football at Independence Community College. He then pursued higher education at Ottawa University before achieving his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic in 1966.

He was united in marriage to Doris Ann Rhodes on July 21, 1957 in Osawatomie, Kansas. This union was blessed with five children.

In 1966 Howard and Doris moved their family to Garnett, where he started his Chiropractic practice. Over the 42 years of treating his patients in Garnett, Howard developed countless friendships and provided care for multiple generations.

Beyond his professional life, Howard found joy in the outdoors, particularly fishing and hunting, with family pheasant hunts holding a special place in his heart. A gifted woodworker, he poured his creativity and care into each project, crafting unique pieces for his loved ones-tangible legacies for generations to come. Ever adaptable, Howard embraced technology to stay connected with his family through Facebook, email, and Facetime.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Jami Prather in 2023; brother, Lloyd Wilson; and sister, Kathryn Burnett.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris Wilson, of the home; children, Kathy Shinkle and husband, Terry, Karen Ferguson and husband, Jerry, Jeff and wife, Kelli, Lynn and wife, Jenny; 22 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; son-in-law, Randy Prather; and sister-in-law, Rosemary Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the First Christian Church in Garnett, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Howard's family will greet friends from 6:00-8:00PM on Friday, April 25, 2025 at the First Christian Church in Garnett. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ.org) and may be left in care of Feuerborn Family Funeral Service. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

I want to follow Jesus. The problem is he does not hand me an outline every day telling me what to do. There were times when he was explicit in the Bible. He told Philip to go to Gaza. When he got there the Spirit of God told him to talk to an Ethiopian who ended up carrying the gospel to Africa. God clearly broke into Philip's life and when he did Philip had to pickup and go to Samaria without any explanation from God. The reason God sent Philip to Gaza was to move the gospel forward. I think we underestimate the power we have if we would only use it. This involves our interaction with other people. If you listen people will tell you what their needs are. My car is broken down, the kids are sick, I'm not feeling well. This presents us with the perfect opportunity to just say, let's pray about that and just say a short prayer like, Father please help Mary's kids to begin to feel better. For one brief instant you are part of their life and helping them in their time of need. You see we move the gospel of Jesus Christ forward one person at a time. By following this example we are following just exactly what Jesus did. Most people are looking for a kinder gentler world not one of judgment and

chaos. If we truly follow Jesus our assignment will be for us to be an expression of the love of God, the power of God and the truth of God. If the church can prove nothing else to the world it needs to prove that Christianity is unique in that it finds unity in the person of Jesus Christ. The world can not find anything that will unify it. The modern church has been too far into the world, with too little fear of God and far too much self-motivation. We need a church empowered by the Spirit of the Living God. What does that look like? It looks like people are following Jesus. You will know it when you see it.

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Naomi Gregg, age 93, formerly of Princeton, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Belton Regional Medical Center in Belton, Missouri.

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No more fretting over climate; U.S. Navy puts focus back on fighting

The U.S. Navy officially scrapped a Biden-era “climate action” plan for the force on Tuesday, signifying the Trump administration’s ongoing efforts to refocus the military towards warfighting.

“Today, I’m focusing on the warfighters first, and I’m rescinding the Biden administration’s climate action program. Our focus needs to be on lethality and our warfighters,” Navy Secretary John Phelan announced in a video message.

Released in May 2022, the Climate Action 2030 program contained a series of actions and goals the Department of the Navy (DON) has taken or planned to undertake to tackle what Biden Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro characterized as the “urgency of the climate crisis.” In the document’s opening foreword, Del Toro claimed the Navy and Marine Corps “are in the crosshairs of the climate crisis,” and that “[c]limate change is one of the most destabilizing forces of our time, exacerbating other national security concerns and posing serious readiness challenges.”

The action plan identified two “performance goals,” one of which included the DON’s stated aim of reducing “greenhouse gas emissions and draw[ing] greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere to stabilize ecosystems, and achieve, as an enterprise, [President Biden’s] commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050, as well as other targets.” In order to achieve these objectives and comply with a 2021 climate-related executive order by Biden, the DON laid out a series of targets for the branch to work towards in the years ahead.

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This included commitments to “[a]cquiring 100 percent zero-emission vehicles by 2035, including 100 percent zero-emission light-duty vehicle acquisitions by 2027” and “[a]chieving a 50 percent reduction in emissions from buildings by 2032.”

“There is no time to waste. Climate change is already impacting our Department, our Nation, and the world in significant ways, and the threat will only intensify in the coming decades,” the Climate Action 2030 plan reads. “The DON has made meaningful progress, and now the magnitude and urgency of the climate crisis demand that the Department accelerate our efforts, work together, and think creatively to arrive at new and expanded solutions.”

The now-rescinded program was but one of several efforts by the Biden administration to integrate leftists’ climate alarmist agenda into military operations.

In May 2021, for example, the U.S. Army announced it would begin prioritizing so-called “climate change threats” as part of its strategic planning operations and threat analysis. Similar to the Navy’s climate plan, the Army’s memo classified “climate change” as “a serious threat to U.S. National security interests and defense objectives.”

– *Shawn Fleetwood is a staff writer for The Federalist and a graduate of the University of Mary Washington. Follow him on Twitter @ShawnFleetwood*



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Unbelievable. Unbelievable. The Democrats who won’t stand and applaud at the joint session of Congress in tribute to the family of Lakin Riley, the college student who was raped and killed by an illegal immigrant, that same Democrat party will send a senator to El Salvador to try to win the freedom of an MS-13 gang member in the United States illegally. Unbelievable, just unbelievable.

Why are we fighting against each other? Why do Americans hate each other? Maybe the vote was not who you wanted to win, but we’re still Americans. We live in a free country. We live in a country of opportunity. We have to just get

ourselves out there and get involved in the opportunity. We don’t have to hate one another over this.

There are so many families and friends that have divided because of this election. We have got to stop this. This isn’t what’s supposed to happen in America and God sure as heck isn’t liking it. We need to use some common sense, like our parents did, like our grandparents did. They didn’t fight wars and they didn’t sacrifice not having the best lives all the time to make us sit here and fight with one another. I think we all need to take a dose of grown-up.

As I was leaving my house on my lawnmower with a flat tire ready to come off the rim and a good mile from the downtown tire shop, I passed by a nice man walking his dogs. As he shook his head he said, “do you really think you can make it to the tire shop?” On a wing and a prayer I said. Thirty minutes later as I am leaving the tire shop and there the nice man was at the stop sign! I just smiled and gave him a thumbs up as he shook his head! It is great to live in a small town where people do care. Thank you!

How come the postal service in Garnett hires two carriers from Ottawa to come down here to carry mail when we got two here that can carry mail as well as they can but they send them out of town? I think somebody needs to be using some common sense and maybe get DOGE down here and take a look at the postal service.

Now we’re going through another pandemic. In my age I had measles and I had rubella which is part of the measles. I had to stay in a dark room with sunglasses on for two weeks when I had rubella. And I’m very concerned that this pandemic is killing little kids.

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The hidden threat to care for the Down syndrome community

When my son was born with Down syndrome, I learned quickly that the smallest details of medical care can have an extensive effect on the quality of life.

Clinicians who understood Down syndrome, insurance coverage policies that took my son’s unique health profile into account, and even the bedside manner of the health professionals caring for my son had a tremendous effect on our experience with the healthcare system. Today, as a leader of a national advocacy organization, I’m watching a seemingly minor legal provision put new treatments out of reach for children like mine.

Here’s the issue from the perspective of a mother and a healthcare advocate.

The largely well-intended Inflation Reduction Act passed in 2022 imposes price caps on an expanding roster of drugs. However, before these price controls kick in, new medicines get a “grace period” that gives developers time to earn a return on their investments and further incentivize the drug development children need.

The IRA sets different grace period lengths for two broad categories of drugs. Biologics, which are administered by injection or infusion in a clinical setting, get a 13-year exemption.

Small-molecule drugs, usually taken at home in pill form, get a nine-year break.

Now, facing shorter timelines to recoup investments in small-molecule drugs, the pharmaceutical industry is shifting resources toward the

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development of biologics, which are more invasive to administer and must be done in a clinical setting. Over the next 20 years, it is estimated that this will result in 188 fewer small-molecule treatments reaching patients.

This is troublesome for the Down syndrome community, as small-molecule research is advancing some of the treatments we need most. I can’t help but wonder if one of those 188 small-molecule treatments could be one that would prevent the onset of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia for my son.

Small-molecule drugs represent one possible treatment option that could greatly affect these patients. Unlike biologics, these medications can cross the blood-brain barrier, targeting the root

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causes of dementia. Clinical trials of small-molecule drugs to prevent cognitive decline have been encouraging and have brought hope to a community that desperately needs it. Just as the research is showing promise, the IRA threatens to deter investment by penalizing small-molecule drug development as a result of the shorter grace period.

The reality is that small-molecule drugs make life easier for everyone – not just individuals with Down syndrome. Without the cost and inconvenience of travel, patients can maintain daily activities.

Thankfully, lawmakers have proposed a solution to the IRA’s “pill penalty.” The bipartisan EPIC Act – short for Ensuring Pathways to Innovative Cures – was reintroduced earlier this year. The bill would eliminate the discriminatory treatment of small-molecule drugs by creating parity between pricing schemes.

The Down syndrome community has made remarkable progress in recent decades. Each step forward came through hard-fought battles for access to innovative, life-saving medical innovations, thereby increasing the quality of care. This misguided policy threatens to reverse this progress by reshaping research incentives away from the treatments patients need and may prefer.

Passing the EPIC Act would give people renewed hope to live long and healthy lives.

Kandi Pickard is the President and CEO of the National Down Syndrome Society (NDS). This column originally appeared at DC Journal.

How Kilmar Abrego Garcia played the U.S. immigration system

Kilmar Abrego Garcia shouldn’t be in a prison in El Salvador, but he also never should have been in the United States or given relief from deportation.

The White House is trying to make the alleged MS-13 gang member a symbol of illegal-immigrant crime, while Trump’s opposition is seeking to make “the Maryland man” a symbol of the administration’s disregard for due process.

What has gotten less attention is that his case is an example of the self-defeating absurdities of our immigration system and, in particular, of how it hands out “humanitarian protection.”

When Abrego Garcia avoided deportation back in 2019, he didn’t take advantage of asylum – which has been a key driver of the immigration crisis – but something called “withholding of removal.”

Whereas a grant of asylum greases the path to U.S. citizenship, a withholding of removal just prevents a deportable alien from being removed to a particular country – in Abrego Garcia’s case, El Salvador.

Abrego Garcia was born in 1995 in El Salvador and came to the United States in 2012, when he was 16 years old. He lived here illegally until he was picked up by the police in 2019 and put into deportation proceedings. To avoid being removed, Abrego Garcia made an asylum claim, sought relief under the U.N. Convention against Torture, and applied for a withholding of removal.

An immigration judge didn’t grant him asylum (he hadn’t applied, as required, within his first year of coming here) and ruled that Abrego Garcia hadn’t established that he’d be tortured upon return to El Salvador. The judge did, however, grant the withholding of removal, on

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unconvincing grounds.

Abrego Garcia claimed that his mother had run a pupusa business – a national dish in El Salvador – out of the family’s home, and that a gang, Barrio 18, had begun extorting and threatening the family. This included a warning that it would take Kilmar, then around twelve years old, if the payments didn’t continue. Assuming that this is true, it’s awful, but it wasn’t a good reason to prohibit Abrego Garcia from being removed to El Salvador years later.

At the time of the court proceeding, things had changed. The pupusa business had closed, so the occasion for extortion by the Barrio 18 gang no longer existed. And Abrego Garcia wasn’t a kid anymore; he was a 23-year-old capable of living independently of his family.

To succeed in getting a withholding of removal, an alien is supposed to establish a risk of persecution based on his race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group,

or political opinion.

How did this apply to Abrego Garcia? Supposedly his family was the “particular social group.” This is a stretch, since the gang presumably would have treated anyone with a pupusa business the same way. The family wasn’t the victim of persecution, as commonly understood, but of a cowardly act by despicable gangsters.

Someone petitioning for a withholding also needs to show that he can’t relocate somewhere else in his country of origin and avoid the potential harm. It’s hard to believe that Barrio 18 would have hunted Abrego Garcia down wherever he lived in El Salvador to harass him over a former San Salvador pupusa business.

Then, there’s the fact that El Salvador’s President Nayib Bukele has utterly demolished Barrio 18.

So, here we had a man, Kilmar Abrego Garcia, who came here illegally and had, at best, questionable associations, living and working in the United States based on a supposed fear of an all but extinct street gang and its depredations over a long-closed pupusa business. And we wonder why we can’t control illegal immigration?

Congress should eliminate the “particular social group” category, which is often abused, and we should fundamentally rethink how humanitarian protection works, and even if it makes sense to be in the business of granting asylum at all.

The Trump administration shouldn’t have blown by the immigration judge’s 2019 ruling in Abrego Garcia’s case, but this is no way to run an immigration system.

– *Rich Lowry is editor of The National Review*

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Continuation of our mystery trip

Our Mystery Trip continues:
Monday 31 March 2025. Oh! What a beautiful sunrise. Our first event of the day was all of us singing Happy Birthday to Rolland Stewart from Clafin, Ks.

Bluebonnets are beginning to show up on both sides of the highway. It was 10:00 am and our first stop of the morning was at a Loves filling station near Willis, Texas. Traveling on our next stop was at the Houston, Texas, Space Center where we spent the next 3 3/4 hours. Awaiting us at the Space Center was a delicious buffet lunch. After lunch we watched a one hour video entitled "Moon Walkers" narrated by Tom Hanks. After the video we all boarded a tram for a 1 1/2 hour tour stopping at several buildings along the way. It was a wonderful tour and so educational. Upon the completion of the tram tour we toured the actual Mission Control Center. We saw more space vehicles than I can even write about. We left the Space Center at 5:15 and arrived at our destination at 6:15, which was the Holiday Inn on the ocean front

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Our adventure will continue next week.

Respectfully submitted by:
Henry Roeckers. 14April2025

POSITION...

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moves into the role. "Emergency management requires a lot of formal training—from FEMA courses to state-level emergency planning and response certifications," Burkhardt said. "But there's also a huge hands-on component. Working closely with local fire, EMS, law enforcement, public health, and other emergency partners is essential to understanding how we function as a team during crises." "What really drew me to this role is the opportunity to give back," she said. "This community has always given so much to me, and I'm proud to con-

tinue serving it in a way that helps protect and prepare the people and places I care most about."

County commissioners selected Burkhardt from among 18 applicants after interviewing five individuals for the post. Anderson County Commission Chairman Les McGhee said he was "highly impressed" with both the number and quality of applicants.

Burkhardt and her husband Andrew share a blended family of five children. She is the daughter of Debbie and the late Rex Wilper of Garnett.

120 years ago - Garnett population stands at 2,108

That Was Then

Historical gleanings from past newspapers.

1905 - 120 years ago

April 21 - Milton Mills was injured in an explosion in Kansas City on April 11th and died April 13th. Milton was born and reared in Garnett and worked at the finishing trade at DeWolf's factory. About twelve years ago he went to Topeka to work for Tom Watson in his livery stable. He went from there to Kansas City.

April 28 - E. H. Voorhees, city assessor, finds that there are 978 males and 1,130 females in Garnett, 328 horses, 201 cows, 121 hogs and 95 dogs. Among the colored people there are 78 males and 93 females. The total population of Garnett is 2,108.

1915 - 110 years ago

April 24 - Benjamin Bacon, a veteran of the Civil War, passed away this morning at the age of eighty years. Mr. Bacon was a pioneer of the Central City neighborhood, having lived there most of his life.

April 26 - Sennett Kirk was elected vice-president of the State Bankers' Association at Wichita last week.

1950 - 75 years ago

April 20 - Directors of the Garnett Chamber of Commerce, meeting on Wednesday, April 19, Marie's discussed the ever present problem of downtown parking in Garnett. The problem reaches its peak on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Directors of the Chamber are asking businesses to cooperate with each other in this matter and park their own cars off the Square



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Circa April 1985 - The Bulldog Carwash was selected as a The First Point of Pride in Garnett because of the effort to keep it an attractive business. Pictured from left are: Scott Schulte, Rick Doran, Gary Fisher and Madeline Scheuerman.

on those days, walking the one block to work. It is hoped that this plan will allow more parking space for the out-of-towners who are in Garnett shopping on those days.

1955 - 70 years ago

April 7 - Lone Elm was the scene of a tragedy last Saturday afternoon when Fred Hermreck, 48, Garnett, died as a result of a knife wound through his left side, penetrating his heart. John C. "Blackie" Lewis, 59, at whose house the murder occurred, was taken into custody and charged with the murder.

1970 - 55 years ago

April 23 - A Service of Dedication for the new sanctuary and educational building of the First Baptist Church

will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. Speaker for the afternoon service will be the Rev. William F. Keucher, Executive Minister of the Kansas Baptist Convention.

The present structure of the First Baptist Church began in the Spring of 1957, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Myrle Horner. The old parsonage which stood to the north of the present sanctuary was torn down and the present basement, the Horner Fellowship Hall, was constructed at the cost of \$12,000, as the first unit of an extended building program. In 1960 the tower room, new entrance to the East, and steps were complete, at a cost of about \$1,200.

1975 - 50 years ago

April 7 - Pretty, poised

Karen Cooper was named Miss Sugar Valley of 1975 at the Saturday night pageant. A senior at Garnett High School, Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper.

1985 - 40 years ago

April 10 - Henry and Kay Roeckers of Garnett were honored on April 6 by the Anderson County Historical Society as this year's outstanding Anderson County Citizens.

Anderson County Commissioners learned Friday that they have a long way to go before the Anderson County Landfill can be considered closed. A team of experts from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment toured the landfill with the commissioners Friday morning.

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determined and gave other information on services and the regional center's operation. But when local journalists arrived to cover the event, Linn County News publisher Jackie Walker was instructed to vacate the meeting room at the conclusion of Spencer's presentation, and this author was barred from the meeting room entirely. Meanwhile, another member of the public, Linn County Commissioner Johnson's wife, was allowed to remain in the meeting. The decision to bar some members of the public from the meeting and not others implicates the First Amendment, according to Lawrence attorney Max Kautsch, who focuses his practice on constitutional and open government issues. "Once the date, time and location of the meeting was announced, without any indication that the meeting was or could be closed to the public, the gathering organizers creat-

ed a designated public forum," Kautsch said. "Members of the public can be excluded from such a forum only if the same rules for exclusion are evenly applied. Here, the gathering organizers allowed a member of the public likely to agree with their viewpoint to attend the meeting, while they excluded members of the press less likely to see things the organizers' way." "Moreover, the meeting organizers treated similarly situated members of the press differently. This entire course of action begs at least two questions: why did they do that? And what do they have to hide?" **Selective exclusion** Review editor Dane Hicks knocked loudly on the locked courthouse doors for some 10 minutes after they were locked from the inside prior to the beginning of the 6:30 p.m. meeting. According to Linn County News publisher Jackie Walker, the knocking was easily heard

in the basement meeting chambers. But when Walker rose to open the door, Lee responded with a forceful "no" directed at Walker. "He (Lee) was really upset that any media was there," Walker said later. "They absolutely did not want anybody there. He (Lee) wouldn't allow anyone to open the door." Anderson County Commissioners on Monday apologized to Hicks for the conduct of the meeting. "That was wrong," Commissioner Blaufuss said. "It shouldn't have been done that way." "It was not the way we would have done it and it was not the way it should have been," said Anderson County Commission Chairman Les McGhee. "But it was not our meeting." But once Walker was disallowed from continuing to attend, the rest of the meeting proceeded in secret. Afterwards, Lee claimed that the organizers were sim-

ply "trying to figure out a way to bring down the salaries of the senior leadership within the SEKMHC." But without the same ability as another member of the public, i.e., the commissioner's wife, to attend the portion of the meeting during which substantive discussions took place, there is no way to challenge or verify this statement. **No authority to meet in secret** Lee did not explain why it was lawful to exclude Walker from the deliberations or this author from the whole meeting. "What's particularly curious about this ad hoc meeting is that it could not have been held pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, which allows for closed-door meetings under some circumstances," Kautsch said. "This is because KOMA applies only to meetings of governing bodies. But this collection of commissioners is not a governing body

of SEKMHC or anything else; SEKMHC has its own governing body. Thus, the organizers did not meet pursuant to KOMA and had no authority recess to executive session to have private discussions, even though expelling Walker had the effect of a de facto recess." "Although executive sessions can limit public access, a mechanism akin to that process was not available here," Kautsch continued. "Once the organizers publicized the date, time, and location, without specifying whether the public was actually invited or why the public would or could not be there, they conferred a First Amendment right on the journalists to attend the meeting and report about what happened." But Commissioner Lee seems to believe the press should just take his word for what happened behind closed doors. "Let's work together on this," Lee told the banned reporter. "Make a headline

that says 'Commissioners working to resolve salary concerns,' instead of 'Reporter was left out of discussion on how to resolve salary concerns,'" Lee said in a followup text to Hicks. As organized with its appointed board members, county commissioners have no policy control over the SEKMHC other than the appointment of two board members each but have traditionally granted the organization annual tax subsidies. SEKMHC has bolstered its revenues in recent years by the acquisition of Ashley Medical Clinic in Chanute for \$3.8 million and Yates Center Dental for \$450,000, in what management described as a strategy to blend mental health service offerings with other genres of health-care. Responding to records request from the Informer, SEK revealed more than 80 percent of its net revenues came from federal Medicaid billings according to its 2023 tax filing.

COFFEE...

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rectify revenue declines under then Governor Sam Brownback's fiscal plan - were too high and have accrued to a \$3 billion budget surplus. Kelly attacked Republicans on the revenue news, however, for what she called irresponsible spending, even though the Republican-led legislature trimmed Kelly's submitted

\$26.3 billion for 2026 by some \$42 million. "Today's Consensus Revenue Estimates could be seen as positive news, but in reality, they underscore the seriousness of the financial predicament ahead," Governor Laura Kelly said last week. "The bizarre and irresponsible budget gimmicks used by the Republican-led Legislature spend more than the state

takes in by nearly \$800 million per year. Ultimately, this will lead to a historically large budget deficit, rivaling the worst of the Brownback years." Kansas Hosue Speaker Dan Hawkins shared how the Legislature cut the proposed Kelly budget. "This year, the legislature took on the budgeting process to get a better handle on how your tax dollars are

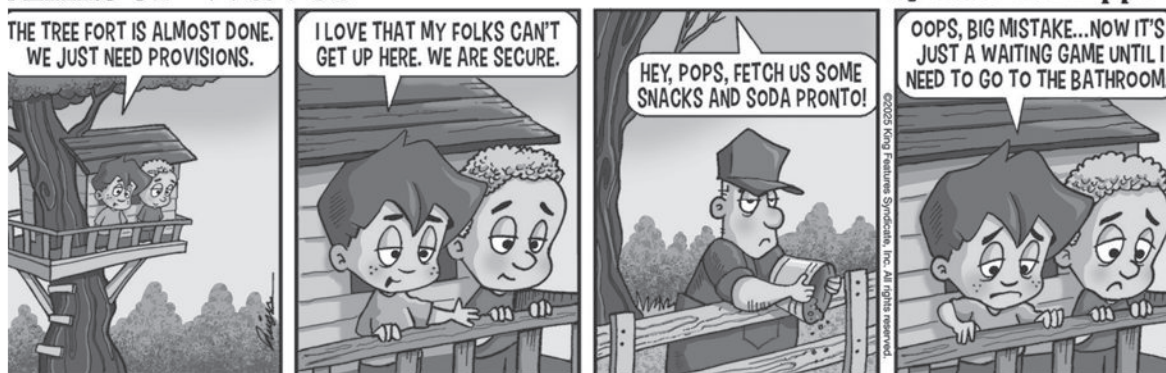
being spent," Hawkins said. "We funded essential government services while reducing the total budget by 5.4 percent - \$42.3 million less than the Governor proposed. We also took responsible measures to lower the cost of living for all Kansans with additional tax relief to what was passed last year." "Be wary of those who want to make political hay by

invoking the budget boogeyman and screaming that the sky is falling," Hawkins said. "These positive consensus revenue estimates reaffirm we're headed down a smart and sustainable path as we continue to monitor all fiscal data as it's available." Kelly's budget proposal offset her increase in spending with higher tax rates, something the Kansas Legislature

did not support. And the Legislature opted to return a portion of the \$3 billion plus overage the state collected in recent years back to the taxpayers, something Kelly referred to as a "budget deficit." Lawmakers intentionally kept from raising the cost of government on Kansans by using the overage rather than increasing taxes.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 15 Hindu royal
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- 10 War god
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Pot is moved. 2. Box is larger. 3. Apron is smaller. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Curtain is different. 6. Nose is

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Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
2. HISTORY: When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
3. MOVIES: Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
4. U.S. STATES: In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
5. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
8. CHEMISTRY: A diamond is composed of which single element?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
10. ANATOMY: What is another name for the condition called "piloerection"?

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Trivia Test Answers
1. A centenarian; 2. Jan. 2, 1971; 3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro); 4. New York; 5. "Murder, She Wrote"; 6. 1.5 feet; 7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions; 8. Carbon; 9. Canada; 10. Goosebumps

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance (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, April 25, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, April 26, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Clothing Display @ the Harris House
 11:00 a.m. - Stay and Play hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 6:00 p.m. - Spring Demolition Derby

Monday, April 28, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 11:00 a.m. - Plant Exchange hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 30 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

Thursday, May 1, 2025
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmer's Market
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Annual Banquet
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 2, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, May 3, 2025
 9:00 a.m. - Novelty Car Show
 11:00 a.m. - Box Wars @ Garnett Rec Center
 6:00 p.m. - Half-a-Halloween Concert

Monday, May 5, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Resource Bus
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 3:30 p.m. - Tinkering & Tech hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - Bulldog Booster Club
 6:00 p.m. - Parks & Rec Committee
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

Thursday, May 8, 2025
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmer's Market
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 9, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, May 10, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - BPW Square Fair



The Garnett Business and Professional Women (BPW) recently recognized their annual award winners. Congratulations to our very deserving Woman of the Year, Joen Truhe, above left, who gives of her talents and gifts so graciously. Rockers



Photography, above center, won Business of the Year (less than 15 employees) and Tri-Ko as Business of the Year (greater than 15 employees).



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Local student wins \$1,700 in State Entrepreneurship Challenge

Vivian Riblett, an 8th grader at Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School, was named a Finalist in the 2025 Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge (KEC), earning a \$1,700 award for her all-natural slime business. She qualified for the state competition after winning the Anderson County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) on February 25.

Vivian's business features handmade slime using all-natural ingredients, with a variety of scents and textures. She currently sells at local craft fairs



Riblett

Kansas and K-State Extension, brought together top student entrepreneurs from across the state. Participants pitched their businesses to judges in mock boardrooms and show-

cased them at a formal trade show.

Vivian was supported throughout the process by her mentor teacher, Mrs. Ray, who noted her hard work and creativity stood out at every stage of the competition.

Congratulations, Vivian, on this outstanding achievement and for representing Anderson County with pride!

Community members or store owners interested in carrying her slime products can reach out to facilitate an introduction.

DEI...

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medical assumptions. The organization released a report on Wednesday highlighting the program.

"The nursing workforce diversity program, unfortunately, is really looking at people based on immutable characteristics," Do No Harm's Medical Director, Dr. Kurt Miceli, told The Daily Wire. "I think that when you have grants that incentivize a discriminatory program to look at things other than merit, you create a system that's not only discriminatory, but also promotes a lower level of care that's provided, a lower quality of care."

Miceli said he was encouraged by many of the steps already taken by the Trump administration to crack down on DEI, and asked them to end the nursing program. In January, President Donald Trump signed an executive order seeking to eliminate DEI from the government and calling for "equity" related grants to be eliminated.

The justification for such programs includes the questionable claim that minorities have better health outcomes when they are treated by minority health workers.

"The American Nurses Association (ANA) reported that a lack of diversity in healthcare significantly increases health disparities and contributes to poorer health outcomes and high mortality at disproportionate rates among socially and economically marginalized groups," the notice of funding says. "Patients are more likely to adhere to health recommendations and have better outcomes when providers are culturally competent or have shared cultural characteristics."

But Do No Harm says that "the weight of the evidence indicates that diversity has no bearing on health outcomes," pointing to analysis conducted by the organization that found that four out of five existing systemic reviews of racial concordance in medicine showed no improvement in health outcomes.

"The point really is that we as a society, when we're on the gurney, when we're in the ER, when we're in the outpatient office, we want the very best in the provider, and no matter

who that is, no matter their race, color is," Miceli said. "We want the very best provider taking care of us, and that's absolutely essential for medicine."

Applicants are required to present "evidenced-based strategies used to recruit and retain students from underrepresented or disadvantaged backgrounds" and "include the implementation of holistic admissions, provision of scholarships and stipends to address socioeconomic barriers, and peer and mentor support to provide wraparound services to assist in student success."

They also must submit "a plan for implementing an actionable framework that targets learning disparities and expands opportunities to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds."

According to Do No Harm, so-called holistic admissions means downplaying objective standards of qualifications.

"Holistic admissions refers to the practice of deemphasizing objective metrics used to determine an applicant's merit, such as GPA and MCAT scores, and placing greater focus on other academic qualifications, personality traits, or professional accolades," Do No Harm wrote in its report. "As one might imagine, in practice this often ends up being a round-about way of still employing race-conscious admissions despite the Supreme Court's ruling that such strategies are unconstitutional."

Funding for the program has ramped up in recent years. In 2014, funding hovered just below \$14 million. But from 2022-2024, total funding for the Nursing Workforce Diversity program has been over \$20 million every year.

Recipients of Nursing Workforce Diversity grants for 2024 include Frontier Nursing University, the University of Cincinnati, Marquette University, Western Carolina University, Saint Louis University, the University of Arizona, and many others.

Frontier Nursing University in Kentucky, which received \$555,000 for 2024, openly boasts about its DEI accomplishments, noting that it seeks to increase the number of Hispanic nurse-midwives and that 30% of its student body are "students of color."

Other recipients of Health Resources and Services Administration dollars have similar racially-based pro-

grams. For example, the University of Cincinnati received \$491,943 for 2024. The university offers the CURE program, which gives students up to \$12,000 per year and extra tutoring help, and appears to exclude both whites and Asians from eligibility. A now-deleted page from the website detailed that the university held a "Black Student Nurses Day."

The Health Resources and Services Administration also funds racially-focused scholarship opportunities at the University of Memphis' Loewenberg College of Nursing, including the RNs Lead scholarship and the STRONG RNs program.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which helps set education standards for nursing, is intimately connected with the Health Resources and Services Administration's diversity program, and helps facilitate the application process for nursing schools to get grants.

"Since 2016, AACN has provided technical assistance program to nursing schools receiving funding through the Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) program offered by the Health Resources and Services Administration," the group notes on its website. "AACN's assistance includes an assessment of admissions practices, an on-site Holistic Admissions Review workshop, student recruitment and retention strategies, and models for building a successful mentoring program."

In January, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing released a press release noting it could offer "expert consulting" for nursing schools interested in applying for Health Resources and Services Administration grants.

Do No Harm told The Daily Wire that the Department of Health and Human Services must end the Nursing Workforce Diversity program "immediately."

The program "is a clear example of the federal government using its vast funding capabilities to encourage and incentivize racial discrimination," Do No Harm wrote in its report. "The nursing workforce is best served when nursing education programs select the best and the brightest, when excellence and merit are prioritized rather than race."

Patriotic banner celebration back on, rescheduled for May 22

GARNETT - The 10th Annual Celebration of Service is back on, thanks to some community members who are stepping up to help support the event that honors those faces that adorn the City's "Garnett Remembers" patriotic banner project, and all who serve in the Military.

There was a public announcement recently that this event was cancelled but it is now back on schedule on a new date. A group of citizen patriots gathered on April 10th to talk about the possibility of going forward with a community celebration with Community Development and Tourism Director, Kris Hix, in attendance. It was determined that upon the approval by Anderson County to use the courthouse lawn facilities that the celebration event be scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 6 PM on the courthouse grounds.

Director Hix shared her appreciation for the citizen support. The event will consist of a few Veterans sharing a brief story from their perspectives, musical entertainment including a soloist or two, a community band (invited), and more. A retired military Colonel has been invited as keynote speaker. Veterans and family of veterans will join in the reading of the names of all 320 banner honorees. The volunteers will be finalizing the

details, including securing a color guard and military vehicles, to be released next week.

The Celebration of Service is a public event. Family and friends of banner honorees, and living Veterans, both local and from out-of-county are cordially invited to attend. Please bring lawn chairs. The City of Garnett will provide complimentary event programs. Volunteer citizens will provide bottled water and small US flags to be handed out to those who gather. Attendees should consider grabbing food from nearby restaurants and pop-up shops before the event and can enjoy their eats on the lawn and enjoy the music.

The Garnett Farmers' Market will be open 4:30-7 PM on Main Street that evening. This event is held Thursday as the kick-off to Memorial Day weekend and encourages the participation of the annual Memorial Day Services at the Garnett Municipal Cemetery on Monday, May 26 at 9 AM, followed by a special ceremony and meal at the Garnett VFW beginning at 10 AM. Memorial Day Weekend is a great time for families to visit Anderson County to enjoy these patriotic events and enjoy Garnett's more than 1,000 acres of parks and lakes. For more information, please visit www.simplygarnett.com and watch for updates on your favorite social media channels.

Parkview Heights Nursing Center awarded National Quality Award

GARNETT - Parkview Heights Nursing Center proudly announces its recognition as a recipient of the 2024 National Quality Award, presented during a prestigious ceremony on April 7, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia. This national event, hosted by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), celebrates outstanding commitment to quality care and continuous process improvement across skilled nursing and assisted living communities throughout the country.

Representing Parkview Heights at the ceremony were Casey Karnes, Executive Director, and Suzanna Cubit, Director of Nursing, who accepted the award on behalf of the entire team.

"This award is a reflection

of the dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts our staff demonstrates every single day," said Karnes. "We are honored to be recognized on a national stage for the quality of care we provide here in Garnett."

The National Quality Award Program is a rigorous, multi-level program that evaluates long-term care facilities on their performance excellence, customer service, and organizational effectiveness. Awardees must meet comprehensive standards and show a demonstrated commitment to continuous quality improvement.

Parkview Heights Nursing Center continues to strive for excellence in care and is committed to being a leader in the long-term care field.

VETOES...

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Senior Counsel Greg Chafuen wrote in a statement after the override.

"Other states have put politics over people by excluding caring families and faith-based adoption and foster care organizations from helping children find loving homes. The Kansas Legislature correctly voted to override Gov. Kelly's misguided veto.

"This is a critical step to prioritize the well-being of kids by prohibiting state and local government officials from discriminating against adoption and foster care providers and parents simply because of their religious beliefs and moral convictions.

"ADF commends the Kansas Legislature for its leadership and steadfastness as well as Kansas Family Voice for its monumental work on this important effort. Children

deserve loving families."

On the shutdown bill veto, attorney Jacklyn P. Paletta — who had a client illegally quarantined for exposure to chicken pox earlier this year — applauded the override of Kelly's veto, especially in light of what she called fear-mongering over measles and polio by opponents of the bill.

"All the things the health department thinks they need to do to respond to contagions they can still do. They just need to document that, demonstrating the minimal standard of probable cause," she told The Heartlander.

"Overriding this bill declares that safety and liberty coexist."

—Michael Ryan is Executive Editor of The Heartlander. A Kansas City native, he's been an award-winning reporter, editor and opinion writer at newspapers in Kansas, Missouri, Georgia and Texas.

CLAIMS...

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other weather-related claim losses for homeowner and automobile policies.

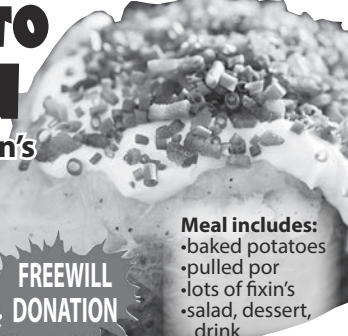
"These numbers serve as a reminder that catastrophic weather events do not just happen on the coasts," said Schmidt. "Check in with your insurance agent and make sure you are ready for this storm season."

Those having problems with insurances claims from the coming storm season can contact the Kansas Department of Insurance's Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071, by email at complaints@ks.gov or online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON

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 Sunday, April 27, 2025
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 -salad, dessert, drink

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Notice of filing application

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, April 24, 2025.)

Before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

RE: McFadden Oil Co. - Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of saltwater into the Squirrel Formation. Donley

Sec 31-22-19E, i-3x 3839 FSL 340 FEL, i-4x 3509 FSL 340 FEL, i-5X 3179 FSL 340 FEL, i-6x 2849 FSL 340 FEL all in Anderson County, Kansas.

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that McFadden Oil Co., has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Squirrel formation at the Anderson County, Kansas with maximum operating pressure of 600 psi and a maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day.

ANY persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the

State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to the commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

ALL persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

McFadden Oil Co.
PO Box 394
Iola, Kansas 66749
620-496-7946

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Notice to creditors - Nuckles Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, April 24, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Carolyn Jean Nuckles, deceased.

CASE NO. AN-2025-PR-000008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 16, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Jaffar A. Agha, an heir, devisee, and legatee.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Jeffar A. Agha, Petitioner

APPROVED BY:

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Notice of hearing - Betts Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, April 17, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of William E. Betts, Sr., Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. AN 25 PR 6

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Joshua W. Betts, heir of William E. Betts, Sr., Deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Anderson County, Kansas:

The West Forty (40) feet of Lot Eight (8) in Block Three (3) in Chapman's Addition to the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, and beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot Eight (8), thence West 8 feet, thence North to the North side of said Block Three (3), thence East 8 feet, thence South to the place of beginning:

and that such property owned by Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of a Family Settlement Agreement dated March 29, 2025.

You are required to file your written defenses to

the Petition on or before May 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joshua W. Betts
Petitioner

Respectfully submitted:
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Notice of suit - Mortgage foreclosure

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, April 24, 2025.)

Millsap & Singer, LLC
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(913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,

vs.
David Dewayne Dell Jr, Theresa M Kettler, Jane Doe, John Doe, John Norris Foundation Specialists LLC, and The United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000014
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT FOUR (4) AND THE EAST HALF (E/2) OF LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK FOURTEEN (14) IN THE CITY OF GARNETT, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No.

0020993002013002000. Commonly known as 114 W 1st Ave, Garnett, KS 66032 ("the Property") MS 227045

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before June 4, 2025 in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MS 227045.455916 KJFC

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Notice of sale of personal property - Skaggs Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, April 10, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS
Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of James Howard Skaggs, Sr., Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. AN 23 PR 19

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that James H. Skaggs, Jr.,

Administrator of the above titled Estate, will offer for sale at public auction the following described personal property:

One 2014 Ford Fusion VIN 3FA6POG77DR241946, valued approximately \$6,600; One antique bed frame (full size); one antique cedar chest; motor boat; lawn mower; lots of tools; appliances (refrigerator, stove, microwave); dishes; kitchen items; other household items; furniture; clothing; and miscellaneous.

Bidding will begin on April 21, 2025 and close beginning on May 6, 2025. Interested parties must register at Bid.genkc.com and meet all requirements for bidding. Detailed terms and instructions for qualifying, viewing the

property, and bidding are available online or interested parties may call Kevin Borger, Agent/Auctioneer at Generations Real Estate, at 913.940.5494. All parties should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

/s/ James H. Skaggs, Jr.
Administrator

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Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild minutes for March

The Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President Connie Hatch on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. There were 24 members in attendance and one guest, Lai Leon.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of February 27, 2025 meeting and so they are approved as published.

Mary Parrot gave the following Treasurer's report. Judy Stuke moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bonnie Deiter. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs: Jeanette Gadelman reported that today we will have demonstrations by a few members on different ways to make the three parts of the first Block of the Month (BOM) Mystery Quilt Block. At the March meeting Terrie Gifford will show how to make various 3-dimensional fabric flowers. Jeanette is investigating a possible Shop Hop in August with the idea of a route through Joplin and Springfield in Missouri. Dates are tentatively August 7 & 8 with an overnight stay. There are 5 possible shops for day 1 and 5 possible shops for day 2.

Quilter's Hugs quilts: Ruth Theis reported she has some quilts and will be happy to provide them when there is a need expressed.

Opportunity Quilt 2025: Terrie Gifford reported that the

2025 Opportunity Quilt is making its way around town to sell raffle tickets. It is currently at GSSB on the Highway and will be moved next to the Library.

Opportunity Quilt 2026: Jeanette Gadelman reported that the committee met to start cutting out blocks and packaging them for those who want to take them home to piece them together. Next month the committee will meet to cut out and package more blocks for piecing. Jeanette and Lori Hoyt are going to the Heartland Quilt Network (HQN) meeting and will be taking the quilt to display and sell tickets.

Member Morale: Brenda Futrell mailed out birthday cards and get well cards.

2025 Block of the Month (BOM) Mystery Quilt: Jeanette Gadelman and Sharon Rich each showed samples of blocks 2 and 6. Block 2 is a donut block to be made with your darkest fabric and background fabric. Block 6 is a square in a square. Jeanette handed out the patterns and will email some details to help with our fabric selections. The following members showed their Block 1: Connie Hatch, Lynn Wawrzewski, Donna Sutton, Joyce Buckley, Marlene Cook, Margaret Keen, Rhonda Tiemeyer and Terrie Gifford.

2025 Challenge: Terrie asked if anyone else wanted to declare a UFO for the challenge. Bonnie Deiter found her UFO and had her picture taken.

Scholarships: Terrie Gifford reported that she, Helen Norman and Phyllis Gordon met and selected a winner for Anderson County. Margaret Keen reported that she, Marlene Cook and Brenda Futrell selected a winner for Coffey County. The names will be released after the award ceremonies. There will be a modification to the Scholarship application for 2026.

Anderson County Fair: Terrie Gifford reported that the 2025 Anderson County Fair is July 28 - August 1. The theme is "Anderson County Fair, Something to Crow About." The Challenge Fabric packets for the Fair Block Challenge are on sale at Country Fabrics for \$3 cash only. Terrie also reported that several volunteers helped teach 4H students how to make a block called "Crows Nest" for their Block Challenge Submission to the 2025 Anderson County Fair. There were 8 students (was a late addition), 7 helpers (Ruth Theis, Lynn Wawrzewski, Joyce Buckley, Terrie Gifford, guild members: Jeanette Stinebaugh K-State extension, parent Ashley Rockers and grandparent, Melinda Holloran) Thank you to Joyce for making a trip home to get one more sewing machine. The dates for the Richmond County Fair are July 10-12.

May Quilt Show: Bonnie Deiter passed around the sign

up sheet for working the quilt show. She had the forms to fill out with information about quilters entries for the quilt show. Terrie will be running the "I Spy" Game again this year. The show is at the Garnett Senior Center May 10 as part of Square Fair. On Friday, May 9 we will be setting up the racks with the help of the Carmelites.

Old Business: We made Pillowcases for CASA again. In total, members made and donated 92 pillowcases. Those who participated were Sharon Rich, Connie Hatch, Terrie Gifford, Janet Truelove, Ruth Theis, Lynda Feuerborn, Brenda Futrell, Margaret Keen, Marlene Cook, Carolyn Crupper, Shirley Allen, Joyce Buckley, Donna Sutton, Mary Cubit, Lynn Wawrzewski, Terri Couture.

New Business: Connie Hatch questioned whether it is time to pay our dues to the HQN. We have paid for 3 years at a time in the past. Maybe Jeanette and Lori will find that out at the conference. Members asked about what HQN was and Connie explained it was a networking group of guilds from several states that helps put speakers in touch with guilds. Each member of our guild can login to the website and Connie will be sending out the path and the password to members.

Secret Sister Gifts
Judy Stuke received a fab-

ric bundle, a "Hobo Rails" pattern, chocolate kisses in a cute little box that collapses. She received some heart fabric and St. Patrick's Day fabric in the mail.

Terri Couture received a bunny candy pot with Easter candy.

Sandra Moffatt received three patterns and some fabrics, one of the patterns was a garden path table runner. She also received some mint tea packets.

Show and Tell

Sharon Rich showed a hot pad she made on Nationals Quilters Day, March 15. She also showed a quilt she made for Traci Witterman that she designed around patches taken from a cross stitch table cloth that was made by Traci's mother. Laura Peterson quilted it.

Rhonda Tiemeyer showed a double Irish Chain quilt she made for Jay Daugherty.

Bonnie Deiter showed a quilt build around a green and purple panel she bought at Charlotte's Sew Natural. She had 8 different thread changes when she machine quilted it. It has bright fabric flowers. She also showed a table topper from leftover blocks and a Red, Black and White log cabin from fabric she bought on the All Kansas, Nebraska Shop Hop.

Joni Denton showed a large quilt she made participating in a BOM by Sherry McConnell of "The Quilting Life."

Ruth Theis showed a Quilters

Hugs quilt made of 2 1/2" strips.

Brenda Futrell showed a picture of a quilt she made with 21 stars.

Donna Sutton showed a Christmas quilt block.

Jerry Lou Robinson modeled the vest she was wearing that she made.

Jackie Gardner showed a baby quilt of a plus sign pattern she made for her soon to be born new granddaughter.

Connie Hatch showed a rag quilt she made for her great granddaughter with teddy bears out of 3 layers of flannel.

Terrie Gifford showed the completed 4H Scholarship quilt top. 4H students sewed the inside blocks together and Terrie, Lynn Wawrzewski and Sharon Rich completed the border. It will be for the 2026 county fair raffle. She also showed some boutique items: flannel stuffed dog, cat and elephant and a quilted kleenex box cover with 3 dimensional flower.

Jeanette Gadelman, Sharon Rich, Terrie Gifford and Lynn Wawrzewski demonstrated various ways to make half-square triangles, square in a square and flying geese blocks that are needed for block 1 of the BOM Mystery Quilt. Jeanette handed out details of the methods and sizes needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Terrie Gifford.

PSRT met April 9th - Golf cart rides to be June 4th

Fifteen members were present for the April 9, 2025 Prairie Spirit Rail Trail meeting held at the Garnett Recreation Center. The Walking Club had met at the Garnett Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m.

Pat Otto reported that the 30th Anniversary Celebration committee had met and were making plans for the PSRT 30th anniversary celebration June 6, 2026.

Committee members are

Denise Weber, Pat Otto, Rick Doran and Kent Murray. April 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. the trail group will plant flowers at the depot and spruce the depot up.

The trail group will have Golf Cart Rides on June 4, 2025 for seniors and nursing home residents. The next PSRT meeting will be May 14, 2025 at 7:00 at the Santa Fe Depot. New members are welcome to join the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail.

Chapter Y P.E.O met 4/21

Elaine Dunbar was hostess and Donna Benjamin co-hostess for Chapter Y P.E.O on April 21, 2025. The meeting was held in the country home of Elaine Dunbar.

President Alice Anderegg passed out committee assignments for the new club year.

It was announced that Elaine Dunbar would be a delegate to the 77th Convention of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood held in Phoenix, Arizona September 4th to 6th, 2025.

Six chapter Y members will attend our Regional Chapter Reciprocity Group luncheon in Burlington, Kansas, April 26, 2025.

Rita Boydson gave a very informative talk about Arthur Capper. He was born in Garnett, Kansas, July 14, 1865 and became the first native born Kansan to be Governor of Kansas. Not only was he the 20th Governor of Kansas, but he also was a U.S. Senator from 1915 to 1949.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Denise Weber. The program committee: Becky Solander, Donna Benjamin, Stacy Gwin, Denise Weber and Rita Boydson will serve as co-hostesses. The Scholarship Recipient Recognition will be held that evening.

Wards wins Senior Center pitch

- Come join in on the fun

On the 17th of April we had a small but lively crowd to play 13-point pitch. Results of the evening are as follows: Top honor went to Jan Wards who won 7 of 10 games; Don Smith had 5 hands of 13; Kyle Trendel won the 50/50 and Mike Kilet won the least number of games.

Come join us on Thursday evening promptly at six o'clock

for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Snacks are furnished by each player. We would love to expand our group; Come take part in a fun loving group of card players. Everyone is welcome. If you are a little rusty we will be happy to help you get up to speed.

Jan Wards reporting

Colony Christian Church - Easter services

All churches in Colony came together for a Good Friday service with Alex Cochrane, Colony Community Church, giving the sermon on choosing Jesus. Dorothy Welch, Colony United Methodist Church, presented an object lesson for children on knocking down the walls of sin. Wayne Minckley, High Point Cowboy Church, gave the communion meditation. Rochelle Smart led worship music with "Power In the Blood" and "Redeemer, Savior, Friend."

On Resurrection Sunday at sunrise Colony Christian Church met to celebrate the empty tomb reading from Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. A biscuit and gravy breakfast followed then videos by Tauren Wells, "Outside Looking In" and Eric Lundy, "The Gospel."

Pastor Chase Riebel's sermon was titled "The Victory" from John 20:1-10. The disci-

ples finally understood what Jesus had been trying to tell them when they saw the empty tomb. Satan thought that he had won when Jesus was crucified. When Jesus said from the cross, "It is finished," He meant that God's plan to redeem humanity through Jesus death on the cross was completed. When Jesus rose from the dead it meant that Satan and death had been defeated.

Howard Reiter gave communion meditation titled "Adam and Easter." We share Adam's guilt but Jesus death on the cross makes it possible to become a new creation if we will surrender to Him.

Brinley McGhee led worship accompanied by Ben and Ethan Prasko. The songs were "Old Rugged Cross," "How Deep the Father's Love For Us," "Graves Into Gardens" and "Christ Is Risen."

Hyatt Club met April 8th

Hyatt Club met April 8, 2025 at El Jimador. Hostesses Rose Mary Turner and Hilda Lankard had a beautiful day for club, 17 members and one guest, Helen Watt.

We expressed our sincere sympathy to Patty Mosher for the loss of Roland, we all enjoyed Roland's friendship through the years he always enjoyed the Red Hot jello that Diane Hastert is famous for. Flowers were sent to Patty from Hyatt Club.

The mystery gifts were guessed by

Sherry Benjamin and Dorothy Miller. Sherry was on a roll and also won the Hostess gift of a beautiful container of Pansies. Marilyn Benjamin won a money gift of \$20.

Diane read the minutes of the March meeting that she graciously wrote, thank you for that! She also gave the treasurer's report.

It was so good to have Hilda attending it had been awhile and she had a mystery Santa gift waiting for her, that we had

a good chuckle over, (what happens in Hyatt Club stays in Hyatt Club) that is what we enjoy about Club.

Kathy Waring, Sandra Hamilton and Becky King received Easter gifts from their secret pals. Our next meeting will be May 7th at El Jimador at noon. Sherry and Becky will be hosting. Until we meet again, remember to brighten someone's day.

Secretary, Becky King.

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City of Garnett 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report

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CITY OF GARNETT CITY TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2025

| FUND | 12/31/2024 | | | 3/31/2025 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | BALANCE | REVENUE | EXPENSE | BALANCE |
| GENERAL FUND | \$687,164.11 | \$738,814.61 | \$639,714.10 | \$786,264.62 |
| AIRPORT FUND | 102,433.78 | 55,037.43 | 36,851.07 | \$120,620.14 |
| DEBT SERVICE FUND | 48,540.12 | 93,972.96 | 6,687.50 | \$135,825.58 |
| LIBRARY FUND | 0.00 | 117,378.35 | 67,003.94 | \$50,374.41 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 185,407.31 | 418,031.83 | 310,348.49 | \$293,090.65 |
| SPECIAL HWY FUND | 239,882.61 | 102,727.07 | -5,033.62 | \$347,643.30 |
| TOURISM | 85,858.42 | 8,370.32 | 2,000.19 | \$92,228.55 |
| SPEC. PARKS & REC. | 18,697.45 | 2,146.12 | 0.00 | \$20,843.57 |
| ELECTRIC FUND | 2,633,407.12 | 1,160,760.87 | 1,036,819.97 | \$2,757,348.02 |
| GAS FUND | 109.15 | 834,312.74 | 548,083.84 | \$286,338.05 |
| SANITATION FUND | 336,224.93 | 96,970.95 | 79,871.59 | \$353,324.29 |
| WASTEWATER FUND | 467,331.67 | 193,091.94 | 159,641.95 | \$500,781.66 |
| WATER FUND | 2,104,670.56 | 413,598.17 | 427,677.26 | \$2,090,591.47 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 99,222.82 | 42,675.01 | 23,183.56 | \$118,714.27 |
| PARKSIDE PLACE #1 | 422,846.92 | 47,018.00 | 43,063.68 | \$426,801.24 |
| PARKSIDE PLACE #2 | 457,585.23 | 57,351.00 | 34,314.27 | \$480,621.96 |
| PARK PLAZA NORTH | 545,349.47 | 87,260.00 | 51,906.66 | \$580,702.81 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPR. | 1,803,218.70 | 170,224.94 | 34,277.17 | \$1,939,166.47 |
| EQUIPMENT RESERVE | 751,945.96 | 123,987.53 | 239,112.59 | \$636,820.90 |
| MEDICAL RESERVE FUND | 41,078.76 | 111,700.08 | 130,277.02 | \$22,501.82 |
| TAX REFUND RESERVE | 655,290.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$655,290.24 |
| TAX REFUND LITIGATION | 350,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$350,000.00 |
| DRUG SEIZURE FUND | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| UTIL. SEC. DEP. | 117,871.00 | 11,400.00 | 10,371.05 | \$118,899.95 |
| INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT | 50,557.99 | 0.00 | 13,990.57 | \$36,567.42 |
| CREATIVE ARTS GRANT | 6,630.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$6,630.62 |
| UNAPPLIED CREDITS | 22,796.52 | -6,924.83 | -1,339.73 | \$17,211.42 |
| TOTALS | \$12,234,121.46 | \$4,879,905.09 | \$3,888,823.12 | \$13,225,203.43 |

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Anderson County - 2025 1st Quarter Expense Report

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FIRST QUARTER 2025 EXPENSE REPORT

| | Road and Bridge | Civil Defense |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Rural Fire | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 18,185.94 | Personal Services \$ 5,140.49 |
| Contractual | 5,815.85 | Contractual 21,580.00 |
| Commodities | 9,005.77 | Commodities 4,411.30 |
| Capital Outlay | 14,446.37 | Capital Outlay 1,139.94 |
| Total | \$ 47,453.93 | Total (1,959.12) |
| Quonset Hut | | Total |
| Contractual | \$ 57.15 | Contractual \$ 30,312.61 |
| Rental fees | (225.00) | Aging Services-Co General |
| Total | \$ (167.85) | 2025 Appropriation \$ 6,000.00 |
| County Commission | | Solid Waste |
| Personal Services | \$ 19,183.90 | Contractual \$ 36,487.71 |
| Contractual | 780.62 | Commodities 8,263.40 |
| Commodities | 48.68 | Capital Outlay 1,306.75 |
| Total | \$ 20,013.20 | Total \$ 46,057.86 |
| Register of Deeds | | District Court |
| Personal Services | \$ 19,936.47 | Contractual \$ 38,569.44 |
| Contractual | 1,334.36 | Commodities 708.49 |
| Commodities | 206.85 | Capital Outlay 150.00 |
| Total | \$ 21,477.68 | Total \$ 39,427.93 |
| Sanitation | | Special Bridge |
| Personal Services | \$ 2,153.83 | Personal Services \$ 20,648.48 |
| Contractual | | Commodities 4,284.00 |
| Commodities | | Pipe Reimb (853.00) |
| Capital Outlay | | Total \$ 24,079.48 |
| Total | \$ 4,712.00 | |
| County Sheriff | | Special Parks & Rec |
| Personal Services | \$ 137,846.94 | Personal Services \$ 13,899.73 |
| Contractual | 17,719.31 | Contractual 2,101.05 |
| Commodities | 3,223.47 | Commodities 327.08 |
| Capital Outlay | 3,139.85 | Total \$ 16,327.86 |
| Total | \$ 161,729.57 | |
| Health | | Service Program for the Elderly |
| Fund Distribution | \$ 22,250.00 | Fund Distribution \$ 31,353.90 |
| Historical Society | | Fair Building |
| Fund Distribution | \$ 24,261.22 | Fund Distribution \$ 5,808.45 |
| County Attorney | | DARE |
| Personal Services | \$ 40,480.40 | Contractual \$ 300.00 |
| Contractual | 9,956.74 | Contractual \$ 4,390.12 |
| Commodities | 1,032.49 | Commodities 11,586.75 |
| Capital Outlay | 1,986.90 | Total \$ 16,739.87 |
| Total | \$ 53,456.53 | |
| Conservation District | | CASA |
| Fund Distribution | \$ 30,990.26 | 2025 Appropriation \$ 11,000.00 |
| Community Building | | Special Liability |
| Contractual | \$ 568.22 | Contractual \$ 58,500.00 |
| Rent | (1,850.00) | Contractual \$ 13,369.17 |
| Total | \$ (1,281.78) | Commodities 1,340.24 |
| Jail | | Dispatch |
| Personal Services | \$ 136,102.42 | Personal Services \$ 91,572.20 |
| Contractual | 58,278.90 | Contractual 22,033.29 |
| Commodities | 34,355.24 | Commodities 429.07 |
| Capital Outlay | 104.86 | Total \$ 114,034.56 |
| Prisoner Care Reimb | (25,065.00) | Reappraisal |
| Total | \$ 203,776.42 | Personal Services \$ 59,577.76 |
| PATF | | Contractual 15,285.44 |
| Contractual | \$ 84.94 | Commodities 295.49 |
| Courthouse General | | Capital Outlay 1,499.54 |
| Personal Services | \$ 20,037.97 | Total \$ 76,658.23 |
| Software Support | 49,757.00 | Contractual \$ 36.00 |
| Contractual | 185,277.02 | Commodities 681.00 |
| Postage | 4,403.53 | Total \$ 717.00 |
| Commodities | 1,875.83 | Contractual \$ 107.87 |
| Capital Outlay | 1,682.95 | Capital Outlay 2,056.68 |
| Total | \$ 263,034.30 | Total \$ 2,164.55 |
| Economic Development | | County Treasurer |
| Appropriation | \$ 28,450.00 | Personal Services \$ 94,623.90 |
| Solid Waste-General | | Contractual 2,021.74 |
| Personal Services | \$ 48,937.38 | Commodities 415.70 |
| Jail Commissary | | Capital Outlay 1,654.80 |
| Contractual | \$ 4,507.34 | Total \$ 98,716.14 |
| Commodities | 11,740.75 | Diversion |
| Capital Outlay | 161.87 | Contractual \$ 834.72 |
| Total | \$ 16,409.96 | Commodities 36.74 |
| | | Total \$ 871.46 |
| | | Juvenile Detention |
| | | Contractual \$ 7,950.00 |
| | | Commodities 98.43 |
| | | Total \$ 8,048.43 |
| | | Coroner |
| | | Contractual \$ 11,624.94 |

I, Julie Wettstein, Anderson County Clerk do hereby certify that the above is a list of the claims approved by the Anderson County Commission during the first quarter of 2025.

Julie Wettstein
Julie Wettstein, Anderson County Clerk

RECORDS...

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license.
 Chesney Lee Nichols, Westphalia, and Jessica Rae Perry, Westphalia, have filled out an application for a marriage license.
 Brianna Jo Shippy, Lane, and Matthew Jay Fanning, Osawatomie, have filled out an application for a marriage license.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Brian Scott Gedrose has been charged with violation of the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

Kenneth Joseph Horvatic has been charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding 90 mph in a 65 mph zone.

ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC has filed a Petition for Quieting Title and Mortgage Foreclosure against George E Hilbert IV, et al, in the amount of \$146,114.12 for an unpaid loan.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Nathan Hamilton Mckinney has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Roberta Pauline Ficken has been charged with speeding 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Sindy Asucena Meija Picon De Gabriel has been charged with speeding 78 mph in a 65 mph zone, operating a motor vehicle without a license and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Rayce Thomas Folk has been charged with speeding 88 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Vincent Jerome Degrado III has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Wesley Randall Lane has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Heidi Michele Folk has been charged with speeding 78 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Tanner Jourdan South has been charged with operating a vehicle without a valid license.

Jaylin Nicole Roberts has been charged with speeding 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Lakeivine Trashun Mathis has been charged with speeding 86 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Jeffrey Lee Collins has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Leron Gregory West has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Jonathan Edward Gasca has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Cadon Wade Sharp has been charged with failure to yield right-of-way at an uncontrolled intersection.

Kristopher Jack Post has been charged with unsafe turning or stopping; failure to give proper signal.

Haley E Reavis has been charged with speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone.

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 •Case IH Danish tine 6 row Cultivator
 •Bush Hog pop up bale loader
 •Encore Arrow ZT mower, 60" cut, Kawasaki engine, welded deck, 500 hrs
 •Cattle head gate
 •5 sticks steel pipe, 31"x2.5"
 •Work scaffold, loader mounted
 •Stainless steel dog clean out trays

EQUIPMENT
 • JD plow disc, 10'
 •JD 466 round baler, net or twine, 16k bales
 •34 Ton pickup bed trailer w/ 110 gal. fuel tank, 12v pump
 •2 wheel pickup bed trailer
 •Bush Hog 287 brushmower, semi-mounted, 7' dolly tail wheels
 •Woods ERD 8400 finish mower, 7; 3 pt.
 •Bush Hog brushmower, 7; 3 pt.
 •4 Wheel hay wagon w/ hoist
 •Knight auger feed mixer wagon
 •15' stock trailer, bumper hitch
 •Home made portable squeeze chute
 •300 gal. pasture sprayer
 •IH 46 small square baler
 •Massey Ferguson manure spreader
 •Sprayer w/ 12' booms
 •Tractor mount tiller
 •JD grain drill, 8'
 •Pickup bed trailer
 •JD 6 row rotary hoe, 3 pt.
 •BMB 6 row cultivator, Danish tine
 •Clay manure pump, up to 8' depth, load or stir
 •A&L 356 grain cart
 •Bush Hog brush mower, 3 pt.
 •Several 10 Wheel hay rake
 •14" flat hay wagon, no tires
 •Clark sprayer frame w/ 1000 gal. tank

VEHICLES
 •2001 Ford Expedition
 •1966 Dodge PowerWagon, runs and drives
 •6 - Spare tires and wheels for Dodge PowerWagon
 •1999 Ford F150, 4WD, 300K+ miles, runs & drives
 •2006 Chevy 2500 HD, Duramax Diesel, Fass fuel pump, EFI Live 5 position switch

LAWN & GARDEN
 •616T Grass Hopper, ZT, 48" cut, 840 hrs., checked out by Hecks Repair
 •Toro 21" self propelled mower
 •Stihl weed eater

TOYS
 •2 - 1586 IH tractors
 •966 IH tractor
 •2 - IH tractors
 •2 - H Farmall tractors, 1 boxed,
 •3 - IH 4 wheel wagons
 •3 - IH flare side wagons
 •Allis Chalmers 170 tractor
 •2 - Allis Chalmers 4 wheel wagons
 •2 - Allis Chalmers flare side wagons
 •2 - Gleener combines w/ corn and reel heads
 •Allis Chalmers WD45 tractor w/ Flare side wagon, boxed
 •JD B tractor w/ flare side wagon, boxed
 •JD flare side wagon
 •Massey Ferguson 275 tractor
 •Massey Ferguson Pacemaker tractor on steel

GUNS
 •Winchester Model 1890 22 short, octagon barrel
 •Remington Fieldmaster 22 cal. pump, Model 121, LR,L,S

MISCELLANEOUS
 •5 - 6 bar 10' corral panels, heavy
 •6 - 12' trusses, 6/12 pitch
 •AgriTronix hay moisture & temperature sensor
 •Large cast iron kettle w/ stand
 •Steel wheels
 •Truck pullout bed-Pack toolboxes
 •TMG Industrial wood chipper, PTO driven
 •Porter Cable scroll saw
 •200,000 BTU propane heater
 •2 - fuel tanks w/ stands
 •Fuel tank, no stand
 •Lawnmower/ ATV platform lift, 10'L x 5' to 7'W, air over hydraulic
 •Bobcat tires & rims
 •TSC alum. cross bed truck toolbox
 •4 - tires 275/55/R20, 26k miles
 •Several 100 lb. propane bottles
 •Clothes line poles
 •Trailer lights
 •Stainless steel light bar
 •WeatherGuard truck toolboxes, 27"W x 18"D, full size
 •Truck side toolboxes, 56"L x 13.5"D x 16"W
 •Jet 34" floor drill press, 34 HP
 •DeWalt 13" thickness planer
 •Enterprise sausage stuffer
 •Wall mount meat rack
 •Stainless steel meat hooks
 •235/60/18 tires
 •4 aluminum rims
 •5 - 20" truck tires
 •Flour mill, electric, also w/ hand crank

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Colony Citywide Yard Sales - April 25 & 26, maps at local Colony businesses. ap17t2
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Assistant Cook and Kitchen Assistant

The East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Program is seeking an Assistant Cook, 5-6 hours per day. Start time is 6:00 a.m., M-F. This person will work closely with the lead cook to help prepare approximately 700 meals daily for 6 counties. Duties include cooking, packaging food, cleaning, and preparing for the next day. An ideal candidate will be someone who can work in a fast-paced environment with attention to detail, organized and a team player. Prior experience is preferred but not necessary. Qualified candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., pass a background check and have reliable transportation. This position is located in Ottawa. Paid sick and vacation time, no nights, holidays or weekends. Hourly rate based on experience. Please contact Chelsea, 785-304-0723 to apply. EOE East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging, 117 S Main, Ottawa, KS 785-242-7200.

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Bulldogs compete at Bobcat Relays on 4/11

BASEHOR - The Anderson County boys and girls both finished 8th out of 10 teams at the Bobcat Relays at Basehor-Linwood on April 11th.

On the girls' side, Jordan Miller stood out with a strong 2nd-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles prelims (16.32) and secured 7th in the finals. Miller also finished 4th in the triple jump with a leap of 34' 1.25". Madilyn Reichard finished 5th in the 300-meter hurdles (53.83) and 8th in the long

jump (14' 10.5"), while Rose Katzer earned 8th in high jump and 13th in long jump.

Relay teams also had strong showings, with the girls placing 4th in the 4x400 (4:38.94) and 5th in the 4x100 (54.45). Caitlyn Brady clocked in at 1:12.02 for 9th in the 400-meter dash, and Emma Sims finished 9th in the 200 meters. In field events Bailey Barnes took 9th in shot put (27' 10.5").

For the boys, Noah Porter had a solid performance, plac-

ing 6th in triple jump (39' 2") and tying for 7th in high jump (5' 8"). Christian Barnett also cleared 5' 8", good for 8th place. The boys' 4x400 relay team claimed 5th place (3:51.95), and the 4x800 and 4x100 teams both secured top-six finishes.

Grant Nienstedt placed 7th in the 3200-meter run (11:20.29), while Jack Nienstedt and Owen Hawkins took 6th and 7th respectively in the 110-meter hurdles.

Bulldogs compete in home track & field meet

GARNETT - The Anderson County track & field squads earned several top 10 finishes, led by Jordan Miller's 1st place finish in the triple jump and 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles, at the meet they hosted last Thursday.

Miller earned the top finish of the day in the triple jump with a leap of 33' 3". Hayden Wright placed 5th in the 100-meter dash (14.82), 6th in the 200-meter (29.85), and 9th in the 400-meter (1:13.61). Emma Sims finished 7th in the 100 (15.12) and 10th in the 200 (30.86).

In hurdles, Miller took 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles (18.46), and Madilyn Reichard finished 7th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 54.12. The

Bulldogs' 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams both secured 3rd place finishes. Emma Baumann and Rayna Kuhlman competed in distance events, with Baumann doubling in the 800 and 1600. Rose Katzer rounded out a solid meet by clearing 4-2 in the high jump.

The AC boys didn't earn any podium finishes, but did earn a handful of top 12 finishes on the afternoon. In the 200-meter dash, Christian Barnett led the team with a time of 25.40 seconds (7th place), followed closely by Dagon Velvick in 11th (26.08). The 400-meter dash saw Garrett Tucker finish in at 1:00.12 (8th place), earning the fastest time among five Bulldog runners. In the 800-meter run,

Lucas Mills recorded a time of 2:41.07 (14th). The 1600-meter run featured an 11th place finish from Grant Nienstedt, who finished in 5:28.46. Nienstedt finished 6th in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:38.14.

Jack Nienstedt (22.18) and Owen Hawkins (25.98) finished 6th and 8th respectively in the 110 meter hurdles. Danny Jungo (50.85) finished 6th in the 300 meter hurdles and J. Nienstedt wasn't far behind in 9th place with a time of 52.87.

In the field events, Barnett cleared 5' 10" in high jump which was good for a 4th place tie. Gus Carver (121' 6") and Jungo (120' 7") finished 9th and 10th in the javelin.

Lady Vikings dominate Crest

RICHMOND - The games were delayed a day due to rain and moved from Crest to Central Heights but that didn't slow down the Vikings as they controlled both games of the doubleheader, winning by a combined total of 26-1 in the sweep.

In game 1, the Vikings downed the Crest Lancers 15-1 in 5 innings.

Melaney Chrisjohn led Central Heights with 3 hits in 4 at-bats, drove in 4 runs and scored 2.

Crest was limited to three singles by D Ramsey, Karlee Boots and H Schmidt.

Cely Crump picked up the win going 5 innings, allowing 3 hits, 1 earned run and struck out 10.

K Nilges is charged with the loss after tossing 5 innings, giving up 9 hits and 14 earned runs as she struggled to find the strike zone much of the night as she walked the Vikings 14 times.

Game 2 was a 5-inning affair

as well as Central Heights won 11-0.

The Vikings scored their 11 runs on just 4 hits but were walked 11 times and hit by pitch another 5 times.

Crump picked up the victory on the mound again pitching 5 innings, allowing just 2 hits and striking out 6.

The Lancers H Schmidt is hit with the loss as she pitched 5 innings, allowed 4 hits but 11 runs (8 earned) and walked 11 hitters.

Vikings edge Lancers in game 2 to earn sweep

RICHMOND - A late rally in game 2 fell short as the Crest Lancers faltered, giving the Central Heights Vikings a key league sweep of two of the league's top teams.

The difference in the two games came down to the Vikings making the plays late and the Lancers failed at key moments.

In game 1, the teams were knotted up at 3 heading into the seventh inning when the Vikings blew the game open in the top half of the inning as they plated 4 runs to give them a 7-3 lead. The runs were scored on 5 walks, a hit by pitch and a double.

Despite the games being played at Central Heights on Tuesday, April 22, the games were played as home contests for Crest as the games were pushed back and moved locations due to the rain over the weekend, so Crest had the last at-bat.

They opened the home half

of the inning with a walk but wouldn't make any threats late in the loss.

Kreig Garrett supplied the offense for the Vikings with 2 hits in 4 at-bats, drove in 5 runs and scored another.

Garrett pitched 6 innings, allowing 6 hits, 3 runs, 2 earned runs and struck out 6 to earn the win. Stetson Miller pitched a scoreless 7th.

For the Lancers, Drake Weir was charged with the loss as he tossed 6 innings, allowed just 3 hits, 4 runs, 2 earned runs and struck out 10 but he did walk 6 Vikings hitters.

Drake Weir was the only Lancer with a multi-hit game picking up 2 hits in 2 at-bats and drove in a pair or runs.

In game 2, the Lancers nearly stole one from Central Heights as they trailed 4-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Crest opened the inning with a walk, two singles and an error to cut the lead to 4-3.

With still no outs and run-

ners on first and third, the Vikings would pick off a Lancer base runner at first for the first out, which was promptly followed by a Lancer single. But the next two pitches led to a ground out and a pop out to end the threat and end the game.

In the second game, the teams combined for just 7 hits, all singles, and 6 errors.

Stetson Miller for the Vikings was dominant throwing 6 innings, striking out 12 and allowing just 1 hit. Ethan Kraft closed out the game picking up the final 3 outs after Aydan Dunbar struggled early in the seventh inning allowing 3 runs without recording an out.

Kade Nilges threw 4 2/3 innings for Crest, allowing just 2 hits, 1 unearned run and struck out 4. Jensen Barker pitched the final 2 1/3 innings, allowed just 1 hit and 3 unearned runs.

Pair of Lancers lead the charge at West Franklin meet last week

POMONA - The Crest Lancers track & field delivered some impressive performances despite squaring off with some much larger schools at the West Franklin track meet on April 17th.

On the girls' side, Hanna Schmidt led the charge with a stellar day. She took 1st place in the 100m hurdles with a quick 16.62, and followed it up with another 1st place finish in the long jump, leaping 16-7.5. She also placed 3rd in the 100m dash, finishing in 13.32. Peyton Schmidt had a big day as well in the distance events, finishing 2nd in the 3200m (13:30.40) and 4th in the

800m (2:39.75). Josie Walter ran a strong 1600m, placing 3rd, and Aubrey Allen contributed solid finishes in both the 1600m (12th) and 3200m (7th). Kallei Robb finished 4th in the 3200m (14:20.81).

In the throws, Summer Valentine was a top performer, placing 6th in discus (94-0) and 4th in shot put (30-8). The girls also placed 4th in both the 4x100 and 4x800 relays.

The boys saw standout efforts as well, highlighted by Xander Fuller, who placed 3rd in long jump (20-9) and 4th in high jump (5-4). Gentry McGhee placed 6th in the long jump (19' 5.5"). Gunner Ellington led

the boys' distance group with a 5th place finish in the 1600m (5:04.76). Ryan West made an impact in the hurdles, placing 6th in the 300m hurdles and 8th in the 110m hurdles.

In relays, the boys claimed 4th in the 4x100 and 4x800, and 9th in the 4x400.

Overall, it was a strong meet with multiple top finishes and promising performances across events, reflecting the depth and dedication of the Central Heights Track & Field program.

ACHS baseball swept by Iola

IOLA - The Anderson County Bulldogs came up short in both games of a doubleheader as they were swept by Iola on Tuesday, April 15.

In the opening game, Iola jumped on top 3-0 after 3 innings and kept the Bulldogs from mounting a comeback with some solid late inning pitching.

Trailing 3-0, the Bulldogs plated 2 runs in the fourth inning. The first run was scored on a Brayden Wheat double, followed by an Aiden

Steele single to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Iola responded with 2 of their own in the bottom half of the fourth to help close out a 5-3 win.

Zach Schaffer led the way with 2 hits, scored a run and also drove in a run.

Wheat pitched well enough to get the win but the offense came up short. Wheat pitched 6 innings, allowed just 6 hits, 5 runs and struck out 10.

Iola would win the second game 12-8, thanks in large part

to a 6-run bottom half of the sixth inning when the game was tied at 6.

Schaffer again was the only Bulldog with a multi-hit game, picking up 2 more hits in 4 at-bats, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs.

Aleck Smith pitched 3 2/3 innings as the starter, allowed 6 runs (5 earned). Brylan Sommer pitched 2 1/3 inning in relief and was charged with the loss after allowing 6 earned runs.

Lady Bulldogs swept at at Iola

IOLA - The Iola Mustangs rolled over the ACHS softball squad 11-0 and 17-2 in a doubleheader on Tuesday, April 15.

Anderson County tallied just 5 hits in the opener, led by Taylor Clark's 2 hits in 2 at-bats.

Wellsville sweeps ACHS softball

GARNETT - Offense continues to be difficult to come by for the Anderson County Bulldogs girls as they scored just 2 runs in a doubleheader sweep at the hands of Wellsville Tuesday night, April 22.

In game 1, the girls were blanked 5-0, picking up 6 hits and committing 3 errors in the game.

Ava Mills led the way going

2 for 3 in the game.

Maura Rockers pitched a complete game 7 innings, allowed 8 hits, 3 earned runs and struck out 4 Wellsville hitters.

A late inning rally saw Wellsville pull away in game 2 for a 8-2 victory.

Wellsville scored early, leading 3-0 heading into the bottom half of the third. The Lady

Bulldogs loaded the bases and proceeded to walk 2 runs home to cut the deficit to 3-2.

That's what the score would remain until Wellsville opened the top half of the 6th with a home run and would proceed to tally 6 hits and 2 walks in the inning to score 5 runs to put the game out of reach.

The lone hit came from Brooklyn Kellerman to leadoff the game for Anderson County.

Bulldogs blank Wellsville twice

GARNETT - It was a solid day all around for the ACHS baseball team as they swept Wellsville winning 11-0 and 7-0.

In the opener, the Bulldogs pounded out 12 hits in 4 innings. Three players had 3-hit games. Christopher Barnett was 3 for 4 with 3 runs scored and a run driven in, Brayden Wheat was 3 for 3 with 2 runs scored and drove in another run and

Brylan Sommer was also a perfect 3 for 3 with 3 runs driven in and a run scored.

Wheat also picked up the victory on the mound as he threw 4 2/3 innings of shutout baseball. He allowed just 3 hits and struck out 9. Jack Dykes picked up the final out of the game as he retired the only batter he faced.

In the 7-0 game 2 victory,

Anderson County tallied 4 runs in the third and 3 in the fifth to account for their runs.

Barnett sparked the attack picking up 2 runs driven in and scored a run as he tallied one hit in 3 at-bats.

Sommer was nearly perfect on the mound pitching a complete game going 7 innings, allowing just 1 hit, walking a hitter and striking out 5.

Vikings athletes shine at Pleasanton meet

PLEASANTON - For the first time this season, Central Heights athletes were greeted with calm, sunny conditions at the Pleasanton meet — and they made the most of it. The team posted an impressive 17 personal records (PRs) and 10 season-best (SB) performances, showing that their hard work is paying off.

The girls 4x800 relay team continues to impress, clocking a season-best time of 11:04.78 and showing major improvements from last year. Lily Burkdoll led the charge, winning both the 800m (2:40.44 SB) and 1600m (5:57.04 SB), while

also anchoring the 4x400 team to a second-place finish. Ebony Hughes remained a versatile force, earning a PR in the 800m (2:46.72, 2nd place) and placing fifth in the long jump (13' 3.75").

On the boys' side, the sprints were led by freshman Mathew Dunbar, who earned PRs in both the 100m (12:09, 4th place) and 200m (25:42, 4th place). Cody Hammond dominated the 400m, winning with a PR of 51.29, while Aidan Howland earned second with a season-best 57.01. Connor Burkdoll ran a sub-two-minute 800m (1:59.29) for the first time to claim gold, and Josiah (4:53.47, 1st) and Jotham

Meyer (4:53.67, 2nd) shattered the five-minute barrier in the 1600m. Cash Miller (2:22.98) also recorded a PR and finished in 5th.

Distance dominance continued with Hammond running a sub-10-minute 3200m (9:53.44, 1st)— his first ever — now ranking him and Connor #1 and #2 in 2A. Connor Burkdoll finished in 10:55.74, good for 2nd place. Field events were highlighted by Ethan Rhoades' second-place shot put (38' 1"), 3rd place javelin (109' 6") and 6th in the discus (87' 7").

Vikings quartet shine at prestigious KU Relays

LAWRENCE - What a weekend to remember for Central Heights Track & Field at the Kansas Relays—arguably the biggest stage in the state outside the State Championships. This elite meet doesn't factor in school size, making it a true battleground of the best athletes Kansas has to offer. And for Cody Hammond, Connor Burkdoll, Owen Miller, and Christian McCord, it became yet another moment where they solidified their place among Kansas's elite.

Friday began with Connor running the 3200m, braving a weather delay to post his third-fastest time ever (9:39.77, 20th) also the third-best in school history. Later that evening, Cody powered through adversity in the 800m, battling through a boxed-in start to claim 5th place in a blistering 1:54.04, breaking his own school record and moving closer to a major milestone in the event.

Saturday brought colder, windier conditions, but the boys weren't fazed. The 4x800 relay team—seeded 16th—rose to the occasion. Cody led off strong, followed by Owen's career-best split, Christian's gritty third leg, and Connor anchoring with poise and power. The result: an 8:00.45 finish, 6th place, and the second-fastest time in Kansas 2A history—just behind their own state record set last year.

Hammond closed the week-

end in the 1600m. Despite fatigue from two previous elite-level efforts, he clocked 4:27.20 (31st), just a second off his school record, now leading 2A this season.

These four young men have done more than just compete—they've elevated Central Heights' name across Kansas. Among the state's largest schools and top-tier talent, their performances drew admiration, turning heads and earning well-deserved recognition.

AC golfer finishes in top 10 at Osawatomie

OSAWATOMIE - The Anderson County Bulldogs golf team competed in the Osawatomie Varsity Invitational on Tuesday, April 22, finishing 8th overall with a team score of 361. Eli Martin led the Bulldogs with a strong performance, tying for 6th place

individually with a score of 81. Cayden Davis followed closely with a score of 90, good for a tie for 30th. Issac Richards and Jonathan Stoltzfus rounded out the team's efforts with scores of 96 (46th) and 103 (57th), respectively.

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Top Dog of the Week!

Jordan Miller

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Three essential questions to ask your contractor for a successful staining project

(BPT) - It won't be long before spring has sprung, bringing ideal weather for tackling outdoor home improvement projects. One of the top ways to elevate the look of outdoor wooden surfaces is with a fresh coat of stain. Here are must-ask questions for your professional contractor before getting started:

1. How long will the project take?

Once temperatures start rising and days start getting longer, there is no better place to be than outside. Before you start your staining project, work on a realistic timeline for completion. There are several factors that will determine how long a project will take to finish including:

Size of Area: Larger surfaces, such as decks or fences, will take more time to stain than smaller areas like furniture or trim.

Type of Stain: Different stains (oil-based, water-based, gel stains) have varying application and drying times.

Preparation: Surfaces that require cleaning, sanding, or stripping old finishes can add time to the project.

Weather Conditions: Weather can impact drying times. High humidity or low temperatures can extend the time needed for the stain to dry.

Application Method: The method of application (brush, roller, or spray) can affect the time required.

2. What stain products will work best for my project?

Choosing the best stain product for your project depends on several factors, including the type of surface you are staining and the desired finish. Consider:

Type of Surface - Outdoor fences, decks and furniture made of wood are ideal for staining.

Desired Finish - To maintain a natural appearance, opt for a clear or

semi-transparent stain that provides color while allowing the natural wood grain to show.

Environmental conditions - For outdoor projects, choose stains that are specifically formulated for exterior use, as they offer UV-blocking protection and moisture resistance.

3. How do I select a stain color?

With seemingly endless options, selecting a stain color can be overwhelming, especially if you are not sure what final look you want to create for your outdoor space. With Flood Easy Seal premium stain and sealer, it's easy to narrow down your options by selecting one of the eight ready-mixed colors for your project.

Wood type and age

Wood has different characteristics based on type and age. For example, pine typically takes on a lighter, softer hue while oak gives a more vibrant and deep finish. For new, clean wood, show off the natural grain with a transparent or semi-transparent stain. Aged wood is a good candidate for deeper coverage and protection. And regardless of the type or age of wood, it's recommended to test a small area before you fully commit.

Location of project

Whether your backdrop consists of a lot of open space, or is submerged in earthy, lush greenery, consider your project's location when choosing a stain color. Select a color that complements your existing exterior elements to create a seamless atmosphere of comfort and beauty.

Lighter stains generate an illusion of openness and more space while dark, earthy tones can produce contrast when paired with bright, lush greens and florals.



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Get your home ready for warmer weather with these seasonal tips

(BPT) - As winter fades and spring is here, it's time for homeowners to prepare their homes for the changing season. Freezing temperatures, heavy rains and snow buildup can take a toll on your property, making spring maintenance essential for preventing costly repairs and keeping your home in top shape.

"The transition from winter to spring is the perfect time for homeowners to inspect their property for any damage caused by cold weather," said Bonnie Lee, Vice President of Property Claims at Mercury Insurance. "By tackling maintenance tasks early, you can prevent small issues from becoming bigger problems as temperatures rise."

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

- Inspect gutters and prepare your roof for spring storms: Winter weather can leave gutters clogged with debris. Clear out your gutters and ensure downspouts are secure to prevent water damage. It's also a good time to check for visible roof damage and trim overhanging branches. For added protection, homeowners may consider sealing their roof deck and asking their contractor about the FORTIFIED roofing standard, as recommended by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS). These steps can help reduce water intrusion and better prepare your home for severe spring weather.

- Check for exterior damage: Look for cracks in your foundation, siding or driveway that may have developed due to freezing and thawing cycles. Repairing them early can prevent further deterioration.

- Service your HVAC system: Before warm weather arrives, schedule an HVAC tune-up to ensure your air conditioning system runs efficiently. Replace air filters and check vents for proper airflow.

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors: Spring is a great time to test alarms and replace batteries to keep your home safe.

- * Examine windows and doors: Check for drafts and reseal or replace weather stripping as needed. This helps improve energy efficiency and keeps pollen and allergens from entering your home.

- Inspect outdoor plumbing: Freezing temperatures can cause pipes to crack.

Turn on outdoor faucets and irrigation systems to check for leaks before regular use.

- Clean and seal decks and patios: Winter moisture can lead to wood rot and mold. Power wash, reseal and inspect for damage to keep your outdoor spaces in great condition.

- Prepare your landscaping: Trim overgrown branches, remove dead plants, and refresh garden beds with new mulch to encourage healthy spring growth.

"By staying proactive with seasonal home maintenance, homeowners can protect their investment and avoid unexpected repairs," added Bonnie Lee, Vice President of Property Claims at Mercury Insurance. "A little preparation now can go a long way in ensuring a smooth transition into spring."



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Spring is the ideal time to inspect your home for any damage caused by the cold winter weather.

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A health checklist for your home's HVAC system

(BPT) - If you're like most people, you spend up to 90% of your life indoors. That means you are constantly affected by indoor air quality - including the air in your home. While you may not give much thought to the various parts that make up a home's HVAC system, each component plays a critical role in enhancing your comfort. Some components are not immediately obvious. For example, an insufficient amount of attic insulation or holes and leaks in attic ductwork can adversely affect your home's air quality and energy efficiency.

When a home isn't being optimally heated or cooled, homeowners often blame the heating and cooling equipment. But other parts of the HVAC system may be the root cause of reduced comfort or higher utility bills. It is important to go "beyond the box" and assess the condition and operation of various components that can contribute to an issue.

Assessing your home's heating and cooling system

Beyond the obvious signs - a home that is persistently too hot or too cold - what are some signs that your home's HVAC system may not be delivering its full value? Here are seven questions to consider:

- Have you noticed a musty smell or an increase in allergy symptoms?
- Have you noticed mold or mildew around the vents?
- Is there more dust in your home?
- Does your HVAC system seem to be cycling frequently?
- Are there hot or cold spots throughout your home?
- Can you see any damage to visible ductwork?
- Have you experienced an unusual spike in your home's energy bills?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your ductwork may need

attention. One way to help protect your indoor environment is to schedule an HVAC System Health Check.

A ductwork checklist

The HVAC System Health Check brings a "whole home" approach to caring for your home's indoor air. It includes 11 checkpoints that allow the technician to evaluate your HVAC system - including the ductwork - to determine how well it is functioning and whether attention is needed to any of its components.

These are the 11 measures in the HVAC System Health Check and what the contractor will look for:

- System Design - Properly sized ducts and adequate number of returns
- Exterior Duct Condition - No holes, sagging or other damage
- Interior Duct Condition - Free from excess dust, mold and other particulates
- Duct Insulation - Not torn or damaged. Properly installed and sealed.
- Sealing Around Joints - Properly sealed to help prevent leakage
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7 tips to prepare your vehicle for spring

Flowers are blooming and birds are chirping, signs of spring are here! Who doesn't enjoy driving with the windows down while listening to a good song? Follow these 7 tips to get your vehicle ready for spring:

1) Inspect your cooling system:

- Check for any cracks or leaks in the radiator or hoses
- Make sure all connections are tight
- Be sure the coolant and antifreeze levels are at least half full

As temperatures begin to rise, your vehicle's coolant could reach up to 250 degrees, causing your vehicle to overheat. That's why it is important to be sure your cooling system is in good working condition.

2) Inspect your tires:

- Measure your tire's tread and be sure none of your tires are balding. Proper traction is important for the rainy spring weather ahead.
- Winter conditions are known for causing potholes, which is a common cause for needing a wheel alignment. Click here to learn if your vehicle needs a wheel alignment.
- If you were using winter tires, be sure you replace them with all-season or summer tires now.

3) Check your windshield wipers:

Between ice, snow and salt, your windshield wipers are really put to work during the winter months. It is recommended to change your windshield wipers each season, especially as the rainy spring season approaches. Well-functioning windshield wipers will improve visibility and reduce the risk of an accident.

4) Turn on the A/C:

Before the temperatures get too hot, make sure your air conditioning system is working properly. Nothing feels worse than getting into a hot car and not being able to cool it down!

5) Check your battery:

The average car battery lasts 4 to 5 years. Your vehicle's battery works extra

hard during extremely hot and cold weather, and these conditions can drain your battery. Don't wait for your battery to die at an inconvenient time; be proactive and replace your battery before the hot summer weather arrives.

6) Top off your fluids:

- Windshield Wiper Fluid – During the winter months most drivers are constantly using their windshield wiper fluid to clear their windshield of salt and other winter build up.
- Engine oil- Engine oil protects the engine against wear and tear. Keep your engine oil full so that the engine and its working parts function properly.
- Brake fluid - Brake fluid transfers the pressure from your foot on the pedal to the wheel. If the brakes do not have enough fluid, it will take more time and effort to stop your vehicle.

7) Wash your vehicle:

A shiny, clean car isn't just for looks. Your vehicle's paint and undercarriage need to be thoroughly cleaned because salt and other winter chemicals can accumulate and cause rusting and/or grime build up.



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Preparing your home for spring pest season

As the snow melts and temperatures rise, spring marks a fresh start—but it also signals the return of pests. Ants, spiders, and other insects become more active during this time, searching for food, water, and shelter. For homeowners, taking steps to prevent these unwelcome guests is essential for maintaining a pest-free home.

Here are some practical tips to help you prepare your home for spring pest season, ensuring you can enjoy the season without unwanted visitors.

Why Spring Brings More Pests

Spring's warming weather provides the ideal environment for pests to thrive. Dormant insects awaken, and breeding cycles begin, increasing their populations. Common reasons pests invade during spring include:

- Increased Resources: Blooming plants and thawing soil provide food and shelter, attracting pests near homes.
- Moisture from Spring Rains: Damp conditions offer ideal breeding grounds for insects, especially ants and spiders.
- Search for Shelter: Homes provide consistent warmth and protection from predators, drawing pests indoors.

Understanding the factors that drive pest activity highlights why preventive measures are crucial during this season.

Steps to Prevent Spring Pests

Preventing pests begins with proactive measures to make your home less attractive to them. Here are some effective strategies:

- Seal Entry Points: Check for cracks and gaps in your home's foundation, walls, and around windows or doors. Use caulk, steel mesh, or weather stripping to close any openings.
- Reduce Food Sources: Keep food sealed in airtight containers, clean up crumbs, and avoid leaving pet food out overnight. Proper garbage management with secure lids is also critical.

Additional preventive steps include:

- Minimize Standing Water: Repair leaks and ensure gutters drain away from your home. Pests, especially ants and mosquitoes, are drawn to moisture.
- Maintain Outdoor Spaces: Trim vegetation, rake leaves, and store firewood away from your home to reduce pest harborage areas.
- Install Screens: Place screens on vents, chimneys, and windows to block pest entry while maintaining airflow.

These steps will create a strong first line of defense against common spring pests.

Signs of Spring Pest Activity

Even with preventive measures in place, it's important to watch for signs of pest activity. Early detection can stop minor problems from escalating into major infestations. Look out for:

- Trails of ants lead to food sources or damp areas.
- Webs, egg sacs, or spider sightings in basements, closets, and other quiet spaces.
- Droppings or gnaw marks near food storage or along walls.
- Increased insect activity around windows, doors, or exterior lighting.

If you notice these signs, addressing the issue promptly can save time and money



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There are numerous steps homeowners can take to keep those pesky pests out of the home.

while keeping your home pest-free.


The Role of Professional Pest Control

While DIY measures help prevent infestations, professional pest control provides long-term solutions tailored to your home's unique needs. Professional services offer:

- Targeted Treatments: Address specific pest issues with effective, environmentally friendly solutions.
- Comprehensive Inspections: Identify hidden entry points and infestation sites that are easy to miss.
- Seasonal Protection Plans: Prevent pests year-round with scheduled treatments and expert recommendations.

Keep Spring Pests Out of Your Home

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Grillmaster answers age-old question: What's better, charcoal or pellet?

(BPT) - With warmer temps comes the return to grilling, one of America's most beloved pastimes. Given all the options available today - from equipment, fuel and methods to what you can grill (answer: pretty much everything) - your choices may seem overwhelming. But one fundamental question is paramount: Should you opt for a charcoal grill?

Whether you're new to grilling or looking to upgrade this year, you'll want to know why so many grillmasters prefer charcoal. If you're looking for real BBQ flavor, there's one fuel source that pitmasters, backyard pros, and competition teams choose: charcoal. Pellet grills may have the reputation of being easy to use, but they can't match the depth of smoke, searing power, or versatility of charcoal cooking. And with today's technology, charcoal grilling is just as easy - if not easier - than pellets.

To help you better understand the ins and outs of charcoal grilling, one of Masterbuilt's chef partners and star of the Netflix series "American BBQ Showdown," Rasheed Philips, answers questions you may have about charcoal grilling, and about his experiences.

What first drew you to charcoal grilling?

The aromas. They remind me of grilling and cooking with my grandfather. Cooking with coals just imparts such a deeper level of flavor than using something like propane or pellets. It also provides a much higher BTU (British thermal unit) output, making it perfect for grilling.

How does the flavor differ between wood pellet and charcoal grilling?

Pellets are compressed sawdust particles. Though it is technically wood, it loses so much of the flavor and cooking attributes that are found in cooking with an actual piece of wood.

What kinds of dishes does charcoal grilling excel at?

Everything. It may seem like the easy answer, yet it is true: Roasted/charred veggies, grilled chicken. There's nothing like a steak grilled over coals with the fat rendering, hitting the coals and releasing smoke elements back into the meat ... And no one has ever said, "Hmm, love that propane/pellet taste."

When it comes to temperature control, is charcoal or pellet preferred, and why?

I prefer charcoal for several reasons, including the level of consistent burn and heat output. Charcoal also adds a true char and smoke flavor, whether it be briquettes or lump charcoal.

Besides flavor and temperature control, are there other benefits of one fuel source over the other?

The honest answer is rather simple: Damp or wet coal can still be lit and cooked with. I don't know if you've ever seen a pellet get the slightest bit of moisture, but it immediately turns to sawdust.

Many people think charcoal is more complicated. What do you say to someone hesitant to make the switch?

Most things seem complicated or intimidating until you try them. It's like riding a bike; once you do it you never forget it, and it's never as scary after the first time. Charcoal allows you to impart amazing flavors, while giving you a consistent and even cooking experience.

Do you have tips for someone transitioning from a pellet grill to charcoal?

1. You don't need nearly as much coal for a cook as you do pellets. Most cooks can be done with one-half to one full chimney of charcoal.
2. Experiment with flavors. Try adding fresh herbs to your bed of coals toward the end of the cook for additional flavor. Adding wood chunks also helps add additional depth of flavor.
3. Safety first: Make sure to have proper heat/fire handling equipment.
4. Lastly, have fun. Cooking should be an enjoyable experience, not one that you stress over.

Getting started with charcoal

Don't settle for a shortcut - have the real backyard BBQ experience with charcoal grilling. If you're ready to experience the enhanced flavor and temperature control with a charcoal grill, check out the Masterbuilt Gravity Series. Here are some benefits you'll enjoy using a product like the new Masterbuilt Gravity Series 1150 Digital Charcoal Grill and Smoker:

•Better temperature control - You'll be able to get higher temps with your charcoal grill for a better sear, which is key to maximizing flavor. You can't sear with pellets, as they don't get hot enough. The Gravity Series grills get to your desired

cook temp quickly - up to 225F in nine minutes, and 700F in fifteen minutes. Charcoal also allows for better low-and-slow cooking for longer smoking.

•Better flavor - And you can enhance that further by adding your choice of herbs and/or wood chunks.

•Better overall experience - The open flame is not only more aesthetically pleasing, but you'll also be able to gauge the cooking process more accurately, to see and understand how your food is cooking.

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5 top trends for transforming your outdoor space

(BPT) - Homeowners today are reimagining their outdoor spaces, moving beyond a basic patio and grill to create thoughtfully designed areas that blend style, comfort, and functionality. According to the latest Houzz Outdoor Trends Study, one in three homeowners are upgrading their outdoor areas as functional, beautiful extensions of their homes with an emphasis on convenience, style and sustainability. If you're among those looking to transform your outdoor space this year, following are five top trends to consider:

1. Seamless segues from inside out

As the lines between indoor and outdoor spaces continue to blur, homeowners are finding creative ways to bring the comfort of the indoors outside. Picture large glass doors gliding open to reveal a deck adorned with stylish outdoor furniture, cozy rugs and ambient lighting, creating an inviting atmosphere that feels just as welcoming as a living room.

2. Climate-friendly features

As climate resilience becomes a top priority, outdoor areas are being designed to withstand every season and adapt to a wide range of conditions. Homeowners want solutions that offer a year-round balance of comfort, durability, ease and style to ensure these spaces remain practical and inviting. Heat-mitigating composite decking, weather-resistant furniture, and shade structures help keep outdoor spaces enjoyable, no matter the season. Water-resistant materials are also becoming essential for decks, poolside areas and docks, ensuring durability against moisture, sun exposure and heavy foot traffic. Low-maintenance solutions, such as Trex® composite decking, require only occasional cleaning to maintain their beauty for years.

"People want outdoor spaces that adapt effortlessly to their homes and lifestyles, no matter the climate, setting or season," says Adam Zambanini, COO of Trex Company. "Our Performance-Engineered™ products offer the ability to enjoy the outdoors in comfort and style, whether you live along the salty coast, high up in snow-capped mountains or in the heat of the desert."

3. Cozy, curated spaces

Rather than sprawling, undefined yards, many homeowners are designing smaller, purpose-driven outdoor spaces tailored to specific activities like dining, relaxing or entertaining. Defined zones with level changes, pergolas, privacy screens and stylish deck railings create a sense of intimacy and character. And don't forget the space beneath the deck. The simple addition of a deck drainage system, like RainEscape®, makes it possible to add furnishings, lighting, appliances and other electronics to transform this underutilized area into a fully functional, all-season retreat.

4. Smart features for comfort and convenience

Technology is making outdoor spaces more comfortable and functional than ever. Smart lighting, weatherproof entertainment systems, app-controlled irrigation, and outdoor Wi-Fi hotspots are turning backyards into high-tech havens. Features like built-in USB ports and wireless charging stations ensure outdoor spaces stay as connected and convenient as any indoor room.

5. Sustainable and serene retreats

More homeowners are prioritizing eco-friendly choices when designing their outdoor spaces. Products made with recycled and reclaimed materials and native plants contribute to a sustainable backyard oasis. Elements like rainwater collection systems and solar-powered lighting not only help reduce environmental impact but also create a peaceful and natural atmosphere.

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Spring cleaning list: 8 tips to freshen up your home

Ready to put away winter and breathe in the fresh air of spring?

Tackling a spring cleaning list and finding ways to freshen up your home will surely put you in the mood for the flowering season.

Read on for eight useful tips for spring cleaning and sprucing up your decorating—room by room.

1. Invite spring in

From the front to the back door and all the windows in between, invest some time to ensure you've got a clear view of the season's robins and tulips. This means:

- Washing windows
- Checking all window and window lock functions (and making any necessary repairs)
- Removing any temporary window insulation film
- Laundering or spot-cleaning and steaming drapes

2. Spring for new throws

Still resting your head on a tree-print pillow or snuggling up with an ugly sweat-themed couch throw? Put holiday-themed and heavyweight textiles away for the year, and switch to lighter colors and fabrics.

Throws and decorative pillows from a discount store or home goods outlet, like Big Lots or Marshalls, are a budget-friendly way to instantly give your living room a new look and a fresh feel.

3. Swap out bedding

Bedrooms present another opportunity to lighten up your textiles. Wash and put away heavyweight toppers and flannel sheet sets in favor of lighter bedding material like:

- Percale cotton or blends
- Linen
- Bamboo
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Launder new sheets before using them, as well as rarely-washed items like mattress protectors, bed skirts, and decorative shams.

Along with warm-weather sheets, you may want to grab new bed pillows, especially if yours are lumpy or discolored. According to sleep experts, most pillows—and pillow-cases—should be replaced every one to two years. Consider testing the give and support levels in person by pillow shopping at a local home goods store like HomeGoods or Macy's.

4. Lighten up your kitchen

Kitchens and pantries are home to countless products that take up space but don't always see the light of day. Even if you wash dishes and wipe your counters daily, kitchen spring cleaning is necessary to remove accumulated dirt and clutter.

Plan to:

- Empty and wipe down your refrigerator, and throw out unused and expired products
- Wash cutlery trays and ditch accumulated junk like fast-food plasticware
- Match plastic or glass containers with their lids and toss any orphans
- Wipe down cabinet interiors and exteriors
- Deep-clean the oven, cooktop, hood or range, and backsplash
- Reconsider which countertop appliances you should leave out, and put away less-used items

5. Spring-clean your bathroom

A spring refresh for your bathroom can include a combination of deep cleaning and swapping out decorative items. In addition to standard cleaning, you may want to:

- Launder or purchase a new bath mat and outer shower curtain
- Replace the shower curtain liner and any worn or rusting items like soap racks
- Buy and install a water-saving toilet flapper to reduce your water bill
- Vacuum the heating and exhaust vents
- Caulk your shower and clean and seal the grout

6. Pay extra attention to the exterior

It's time to head outside to continue the spring-cleaning streak! For your home's exterior:

- Check for winter damage to eaves, gutters, and siding
- Clear away cobwebs, leaves, and dirt from entryways, patios, and roofs
- Purchase or make a nontoxic spider repellent to apply around doors and windows
- Clean and re-connect gutter downspouts and extensions

7. Clean and update outdoor furniture

Invest time in your patio furnishings before plopping down to sit on them. Depending on how well they were protected over the winter, your to-do list might include:

- Spray painting metal patio tables and chairs
- Washing teak and all-weather wicker with gentle soap, water, and a soft-bristle brush
- Running cushion covers through the washer and allowing them to air-dry
- Vacuuming and spot-cleaning outdoor rugs

Ready to replace or add some new items? Shop at Wayfair, Walmart, or your favorite home improvement stores through RaiseRight.

spring-themed outdoor seating with pillows on a bench

8. Welcome the green

Finally, take a look at your lawn. This spring, you may want to:

- Seed and/or fertilize your lawn
- Plan a new or updated garden



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Gardening tips as we enter the spring season

Spring is full of new life, green grass, and sunshine! It's also time to get back into the garden.

Here are some tips to keep you and your garden on track this spring.

Remove winter protection: In the fall or early winter, you may have added some winter protection, like mulch or leaves, to the base of your plants to keep them warm throughout the cold season. When spring hits, it's important to remove that winter protection. Mulch acts as an insulator, and when the sunshine and warm temps return, your plants won't need any more help to keep warm. If you remove your winter protection but you see a cold snap coming your way, just add it back until the warm weather returns.

Remember to water: Once the weather starts warming up, it's important to start ramping up how much you water your plants. However, it's still important to always check the soil before watering by sticking your finger in the soil at the base of the plant. If the soil is wet, there is no need to water it that day, but do check back tomorrow. If the soil is dry, it's ready for some water.

Generally, it's best to give your plants a deep, thorough soak and end up watering less often than watering them a little bit every day. Remember that natural rainfall counts as watering. So, if you've received a bit of rain that week, you might not need to water as much. Younger or newly planted plants will need more water until they get established.

Determine what needs pruning: As each plant variety requires something slightly different, there is no simple answer to spring pruning. Generally, summer flowering shrubs set their flower buds starting in spring, so early spring pruning is ok to do. Panicle hydrangeas are one such plant that benefits from some early spring pruning. However, make sure to review how to prune panicle hydrangeas before diving in with your pruners. Spring-flowering trees and shrubs like lilacs, magnolia, azalea, spirea, flowering crabapples, pearlbush, azaleas and serviceberry all benefit from some pruning right after they finish flowering.

Apply fertilizer: Like pruning, each shrub and tree require something a little different when it comes to fertilizing. However, there are some general tips that can help lead the way. Apply fertilizer in early spring when you start to see new growth. For trees and shrubs, it is recommended to use a well-balanced, slow-release granular, or spike-form fertilizer. If you're fertilizing container plantings, you can use a water-soluble type. Make sure to follow the directions on the bag for instructions on how to apply.

Get to planting: Spring is an ideal time to get new plants in the ground, but there are a few things you can do to make them extra comfortable in their new home! Select a site - reference the plant tag to determine what conditions your new plant loves, and pick a place in your landscape that reflects that. Prepare the soil - once you have the site picked out take some time to assess the soil. Most shrubs can grow in different soil types, but they generally prefer well-drained soil. A rich loam soil with at least 5 percent of organic matter is ideal. If you aren't sure what type of soil you have, take a soil sample and have analyzed at a soil testing lab for texture, pH, and nutrients present in your soil.

Plant - for the best garden design results, place your plants in the spaces you're hoping to plant and take a step back. If you're happy with how that looks, dig a hole slightly larger than the pot size and place any fertilizer, organic material, or nutrients needed to improve your soil mix in the hole. Then, place the plants. If you see that the roots are tightly packed, loosen them with your fingers before planting to encourage better root growth.

For shrubs, make sure where the base of the stems meets the soil is even with the



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Now is the perfect time to start planning out your ideas for the perfect spring garden.

ground level. For trees, make sure where the trunk flares out to the root system is even with the ground level. Next, refill the hole, packing soil firmly around the crown or root flare to create a dam around the plant. Fill that dam with water, let it drain, and then refill it again.

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8 tips for selling your home in the Spring

According to Zillow, there's no better time to sell your home than spring; homes listed between mid-March and mid-April sell about 15% faster than any other time of year. To attract buyers, you'll want the house to be seen in the best possible light. So, if you've been toying with putting your home on the market or it's been languishing without an offer, we've got 10 tips to help you get that SOLD sign.

1. Create a Budget

Homeowners are often surprised to discover the out-of-pocket expenses involved in selling their home. If you're thinking of putting up a "For Sale" sign in your yard, it's a good idea to make a budget now to determine how you'll cover the costs of getting it sold. Budgeting guru Dave Ramsey has a sample budget on his site that can help you anticipate expenses from the beginning of the sales process through closing.

2. Find the Right Real Estate Agent

A good real estate agent can be your partner through the complicated process of selling your home. They will market it appropriately, negotiate the best price on your behalf, and facilitate the more challenging parts of the sale to ensure things go smoothly. Do your research and ask friends, family or your lender for recom-

mendations of agents in your area.

3. Spruce up Your Curb Appeal

The first, in-person impression any buyer will have of your home is from the curb, so start there. Hire a professional to power wash your house and driveway – or rent a machine to do it yourself. Add a sealant to the drive after it's cleaned and dried to keep it looking refreshed and new. Are your shutters or mailbox looking a little tired? Cleaning and a fresh coat of paint can work wonders.

4. Prepare Your Yard

How does your lawn look after the cold, wintry months? If there are any brown patches, invest in some seed or sod to begin filling the areas that are thinning or need to be cut away. Don't forget to pull weeds and trim bushes. If you've got bare spots or shabby-looking areas, try adding mulch or pine straw to fill in throughout the garden. Springtime is a season for renewal, so why not hit the garden store to choose some bright, beautiful flowers? Word is, yellow flowers help sell homes.

5. Spring Clean Everything

Your home needs to sparkle and shine to dazzle prospective buyers. They may not love that Little Mermaid bathroom, but they will certainly notice if it isn't

spic and span under the sink or in the tub area. Take some time to deep clean the bathrooms and kitchen, clean out the clutter from drawers, and add new shelf liner in the closets. Don't forget to dust the blades of your ceiling fan and wipe down your appliances. Consider getting the whole house professionally cleaned, including the carpets. It's always easier to maintain than it is to start from scratch.

6. Declutter and De-personalize

Clearing out some clutter may help buyers imagine themselves making your home their own – and make less for you to pack when your home sells. Removing refrigerator magnets, kid's drawings and knickknacks can go a long way in helping to sell your home. Consider removing a piece (or two) of furniture from each room to open it up and show off its spaciousness. De-personalizing may also mean packing up family photos and choosing more generic artwork for the walls.

7. Freshen Up Paint and Hardware

If your walls look dingy or dated, a fresh coat of neutral paint can make a room feel renewed and cheerful. Plus, a light-colored interior reflects more light and can bring a feeling of brightness on

a gloomy day. If painting isn't an option, give your walls a good dusting, clean all baseboards and knock down any cobwebs lingering in the corners. Are your drawer pulls and knobs showing their daily wear and tear? It's easy to update them with a trip to the home store and a screwdriver. If buying a new front door is in the budget, splurge on that. If not, consider adding a new door handle, hardware, and lock as well as updated porch lights.

8. Focus on the Kitchen and Bath

You don't need to do a complete overhaul. In fact, statistics show that spending money on a bathroom renovation isn't the best investment to sell your home. As anyone who's ever watched HGTV's House Hunters, you know buyers can be swayed by ample storage, updated fixtures, and great light. So, spend some time clearing out the hall closet of old coats (donate them!) and linen closet to add in pretty storage boxes. Pick out a beautiful new faucet for the kitchen sink and re-grout and caulk the shower, tub and sink. Make sure the bulbs you're choosing for overhead light fixtures cast an attractive glow not a blinding, clinical light.

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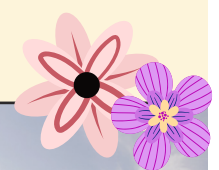
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