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County commissioners to defund SEKMHC

County says payment can't be justified in view of high executive salaries

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – A lengthy presentation on the history and mission of the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center by its key management didn't seem to persuade Anderson County Commissioners to continue to fund the organization during Monday's county commission meeting.

Battling regional criticism from county elected officials in recent months over high salaries

paid to executives in the organization, CEO Nathan Fawson, chief financial officer Job Springer and director of crisis services Bryan Cook submitted the Anderson County portion of the SEK budget for 2026, but got little encouragement from commissioners.

"We're probably not going to contribute this year," commissioner chairman Les McGhee told the trio at the end of their near hour-long presentation.

The agency has taken fire since earlier this year, when The Kansas Informer reported on a review of SEK tax filings that revealed Fawson had been grant-

ed a salary and benefits package of more than \$625,000 by the SEK board of trustees, and compensation of several hundred thousand each had been awarded to members of executive management there. Anderson County SEK board member Dana Spencer told commissioners last week those salaries had been based on the recommendations of a national business consultant who studied similar



Fawson

management positions around the country. Commissioners in Anderson County refused to sign a \$32,000 disbursement to SEK earlier in June related to the issue.

Commissioners in the region have been aggravated that their counties were contributing tax funds to an organization whose recently enhanced federal Medicaid reimbursements were able to generate a budget that could afford that level of executive compensation, and have wondered aloud if their tax funding was really needed.

The six-county service region for SEKMHC includes Woodson,

Allen, Anderson, Linn, Bourbon and Neosho, which altogether contribute nearly \$600,000 annually in local tax dollars to support the agency's mission with offices in each of their counties. Fawson told commissioners the organization's operating budget had been dramatically enhanced several years ago by the acquisition of a particular federal authorization that increased its Medicaid reimbursement for services, growing SEK from 13 therapists to nearly 60 with 12 staff psychiatrists – up from 3 prior to the change.

Fawson said prior funding

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Favorite son's birthday to bring events, exhibits

Art from foundation and museum tours tout Capper's 160th

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – Local organizers are teaming up with officials from The Capper Foundation for a special artwork display and other events in celebration of the Garnett native and former governor and U.S. Senator's 160th birthday next weekend.

Local events are planned for Saturday & Sunday, July 12-13th, just days prior to Capper's birthday on July 14th.

Born in Garnett in 1865 at a house off East Fifth Avenue where a historic marker now stands, Capper started his career at the Garnett Journal as a printer's devil, and rose through the ranks of Kansas publishing to own the Topeka Capital, as well as other publications and radio stations. His financial success in publishing and media and his natural philanthropic

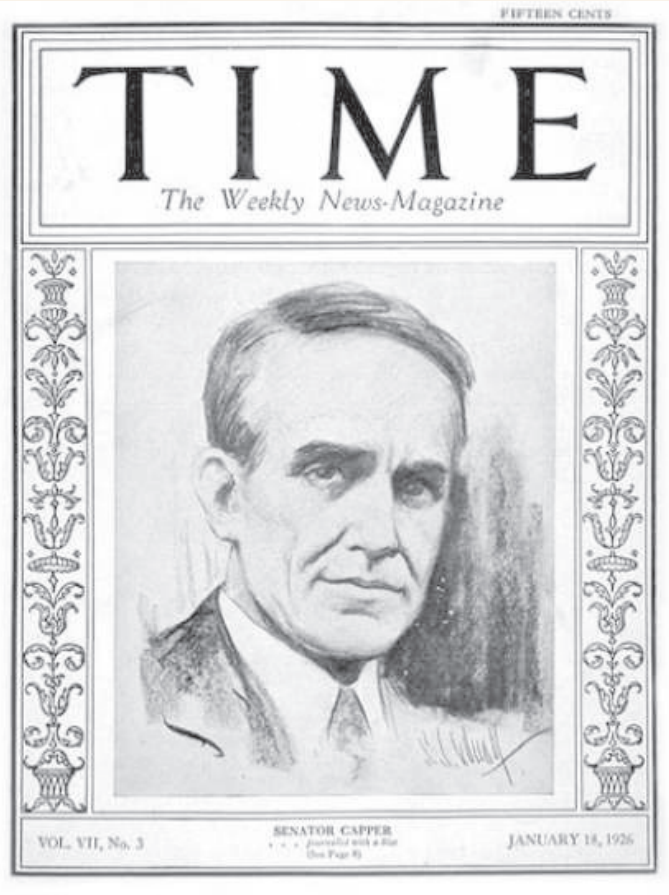
sentiment prompted his launch of the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children in Topeka. His commitment to rural agriculture and its communities spawned numerous pieces of legislation during his 30 years as a U.S. Senator from Kansas, helping establish the

"How comes it that he is leader of the farm bloc? The answer is that his whole life has been spent in winning the confidence of the average man. He has the reputation of knowing more about what the farmer really wants than any one else in Congress."

– TIME Magazine, 1926

foundation of the rural extension system and legal structure for U.S. farm cooperatives, as well as boosting the beginnings of the 4H organization, which still trains some 6 million children each year in agriculture and leadership.

Special events on July 13 in Garnett will include an exhibition of art at the Garnett Library's Walker Art Gallery produced by



children and adults from the Capper Foundation's restorative therapy program.

The exhibit will run through July and August. Edie Smith, vice president of development and marketing for The Capper Foundation, said the exhibit will be Kansas-

themed art created by children and adults with disabilities pursuing art as a means of physical and emotional therapy at the center's locations in topeka, Ark City, El Dorado and Winfield. Smith said the art pieces were a

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Mary and Leo Weiderholt will be the grand marshalls of the 101st Richmond Free Fair Parade Saturday, July 12.

"A Family Tradition" Richmond Fair celebrates 101st edition

BY PAT VINING THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND –Building on its success of the last 100 years, The Richmond Free Fair is set for July 10th, 11th, and 12th.

The fair certainly is a family tradition for many in a wide area which is shown by the number of entries, the spirit and goodwill among competitors and in other ways.

Theme of the parade this year is Richmond Free Fair—A Family Tradition which describes the fair so well.

Last year, the 100th consecutive fair had 714 entries by 155 exhibitors who came from seven counties and five states. The

counties were Franklin, Anderson, Miami, Coffey, Linn, Johnson and Marion. The states were Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois and Florida. Exhibitors from some of these states had fair entries when they were young and enjoy returning to take part in a small-town fair.

The show barn provided several years ago by QSI will be full, and over-flowing, with all kinds of livestock, said Superintendent Laurinda Sobba.

We hope the 4-H and FFA members will have a good time as well as learn a lot from the judge and other members," said Sobba.

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Federal judge rules for Kobach, state against injunction that would allow foreign money in Kansas amendment votes

BY DANE HICKS THE KANSAS INFORMER

TOPEKA – A Kansas law that prohibits the use of foreign money in state constitutional amendment campaigns took effect July 1, thanks to a federal court win by Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach.

U.S. District Court Judge Daniel Crabtree blocked a request from Kansans for Constitutional Freedom for a preliminary injunction to stop the state from implementing the ban on foreign money flowing into political campaigns. The law will be a lynchpin of Kansas' upcoming constitutional amendment vote in August 2026 that aims to change the current governor's appointment of Kansas Supreme Court Justices to direct elections in a statewide vote.

KCF led efforts to defeat a 2022 ballot measure restricting abortion rights in Kansas. The group

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Locals launch 3-fer in downtown Garnett landmark

Offerings to include books, decor, coffee & goodies in cool digs

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY

GARNETT – After nearly a year and a half of careful planning, renovations, and behind-the-scenes work, a long-anticipated project at 130 E. 5th Ave. in downtown Garnett is ready to open its doors. On Thursday, June 26, the 130 Collective welcomed the public – debuting a vibrant shared space that brings together three locally owned businesses: The Beloved Book Co., Monroe 816 and 3 Monkeys Bakery.

These businesses have transformed a historic downtown structure into a modern, multi-use destina-

tion — a space that's equal parts community hub and curated retail experience. Throughout the renovation process, the building owners and other tenants collaborated closely with local architects and designers to reimagine the space while preserving its original charm.

The new businesses include:

•The Beloved Book Co., a thoughtfully stocked independent bookstore offering titles for all ages, as well as plans for readings, events, and book clubs in the near future.

•3 Monkeys Bakery, where visitors will find a rotating menu of fresh-baked goods, breads, lunch options and coffee — crafted daily with high-quality

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From left: Eileen Burns (The Beloved Book Co.) Val Foltz (Monroe 816) and Angie Wilkinson (3 Monkeys Bakery) opened the doors on the 130 Collective in downtown Garnett last week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

GARNETT POST OFFICE NEW PHONE NUMBER

The phone number to the Garnett Post Office has changes. The new number is (785) 433-2242.

4TH OF JULY BREAKFAST AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Start Independence Day off with a good breakfast. Join us at the Senior Center, 128 W. 5th, for our annual 4th of July Breakfast at 8 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and come join us.

SENIOR CENTER SEEKS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Garnett Senior Center is seeking donations of used medical equipment such as: walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, beds, shower chairs, etc. You may drop off at the center from 9:30 – 1:30, Mon-Fri or call Joyce Martin at 448-4518 for the item to be picked up.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS JULY 10

The monthly meeting of the Anderson County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, July 10 at the Community Building in the North Park. The meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will follow at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO ON TUESDAYS

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

CORNSTOCK TICKETS

Cornstock ticket outlets in Anderson County are now selling early bird tickets. See Chris Janson, The Kentucky Headhunters, Kelsey Hart and Trevor Holman & the Haymakers 9/27 in Garnett.

VFW SETS CORNHOLE TOURNEYS THURSDAYS

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

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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ingredients and passion.

•Monroe 816, a well-loved business making its move to the new location, with an expanded showroom of furniture, art, and home accessories.

The business owners have hinted at a few surprises awaiting first-time visitors — from creative design touches to special spaces. “We’ve poured so much heart into this space, and we can’t wait for people to see what’s inside,” said Eileen Burns, Owner of the 130 Collective building and The Beloved Book Co. “There’s something special here for everyone.”

The opening of the 130 Collective represents more than just new businesses — it signals continued investment in downtown Garnett and a shared vision for

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION JUNE 23, 2025

Convene

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on June 23, 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 gave an update on equipment that needs repaired from the previous week, such as a semi-truck bearing, emissions code on a tractor, and grader blade repair. The department will begin ditching on Finney Road soon and replacing pipe throughout the county.

Rural Fire

Cruz Gillespie, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. He presented three red light permits for Todd Carter, Joseph Ray, and Randy Bunnel. The permits were signed by Commissioner McGhee. Discussion was held on events that the departments have assisted with. Cruz also inquired about the construction of a new Garnett fire station. The construction was halted due to the cost. The Commissioners would like him to revisit the plans and create a new rendering for the station.

Economic Development

Jessica Mills, Economic Development Director, met with the commission. She gave an update on events that she has attended. An overview was given on the community collaboration meeting, SEKRPC annual meeting, and the HEAL grant awardee.

Appraiser

Adam Wilson, Appraiser, met with the commission. Discussion was held on his contract renewal. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding between Anderson & Trego Counties for a shared County Appraiser for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2029 at a salary of \$72,500 including cola increases. All voted yes.

SEK Mental Health

Dana Spencer, SEK Mental Health board member, met with the commission. The Commissioners questioned her status as a board member representing Anderson County. They would like her to continue to serve for Anderson County, as well as Melanie Wallace who is appointed to the board as well. Dana explained how SEK Mental Health is the first certified agency in the State of Kansas and have expanded their resources to the counties. This certification allows them to collect an increase revenue through Medicaid by serving a younger and older population. The agency conducted a wage study with an outside organization and have been working to adjust salaries to be more competitive with other mental health facilities. The Commissioners questioned with the increase revenue why the need for such a large appropriation from the counties.

Fair Board

Kirby Barnes, Deb Davis, Jess Rockers, and Justin Zook met with the commission. The fair board brought forth quotes for a new structure over the existing fairgrounds. The structure would replace the show arena and animal pen area.

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

Reconvene

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at

1:00 PM to review 2026 budget requests. No action was taken. Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

On June 12th a tractor trailer rig driven by Roy Fulton of Humboldt sideswiped another rig driven by Dennis Kabugo of Lenexa as Kabugo slowed while southbound on US169 trying to avoid a deer.

On June 11th a vehicle driven by Sydney Lyman of Ottawa was northbound on US 59 when it struck a deer crossing the roadway.

On June 9th a vehicle driven by Alison Brewer of San Francisco CA struck a deer while southbound on US 169 highway a mile north of the junction with US 59.

On June 9th a vehicle driven by Fue Kue of Garnett was traveling north on US 59 near the 103 mile marker when it struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On June 8th a motorcycle driven by Michael Brown of Kincaid hit a washout in the gravel road while eastbound on southeast 140 causing him to fall off the vehicle. On June 5th a vehicle driven by a Brandon Bell of La Harpe was traveling northbound on US 59 when it struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On June 5th Terry Wood of Colony was traveling on US 59 near 2150 Rd. when his vehicle struck a large bird, shattering the windshield.

On June 4th a vehicle driven by Shaylin Robb of Colony was southbound on US 169 when it struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On June 3rd a vehicle driven by Jose Angel Coronado of South Houston TX was blown from the roadway by high winds, hit the rumble strip on US169 and hydroplaned into a ditch on the west side of the roadway.

On May 27th a vehicle driven by Shannon Figgins of Garnett was southbound on US 59 when it struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On June 22nd a vehicle driven by Owen Johnson of Richmond tried to avoid a deer while eastbound on northwest 2300 Rd. when his vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree.

On June 19th a Polaris Ranger driven by James Matthhisen of Lane was southbound on northeast Scott Rd. when it caught on fire.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of June 25, 2025)

Nicholas Barlow booked 03/27/25.
Jason Boothe booked 06/26/24
Jessica Bowen booked 06/02/24
Rodney Clark booked 03/10/25
Stephen Collins booked 06/21/25
Cantu DeLaCruz booked 10/10/24
Brian Gedrose booked 04/22/25
Korine Hollon booked 12/17/24
Eric Howell booked 03/ 31/25
Benjamin Page booked 06/04/25
Kaiden Robb booked 01/01/25
Chad Roy booked 05/22/25
Christopher Vandenberg booked 07/25/24

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of May 28, 2025)

Jesse King was booked into jail on September 30, 2024.
Justin Coates was booked into jail on April 18, 2025.

ANDERSON COUNTY MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer's Office
June 2025

- 400 Title & Registrations processed.
- 18 Updated Registrations.
- 1 Registration Refunds.
- 500 Registration Renewals processed.
- 327 Certificate of Compliances

for Kansas tow companies issued - earning the county \$20 per transaction \$6540.00.

- 67 Lien Releases
- Each Title & Registration is internally audited to verify accuracy of documents collected and signed. All documents must be reviewed by title approval and scanned to be available for KOOR random audit.
- 56 Reprocessed Titles. If there is an error found on a title we have to scan the title and all documents into the original transaction, cancel the newly issued title, correct the error, reprocess the complete title & registration transaction again and rescan into the new transaction.
- Run a daily report to verify all statements for previous day's vehicle transactions are collected and ready for audit.
- Commercial Registration
- 256 Commercial Registration Transactions processed.
- 4284 Commercial Vehicles processed within those 256 Commercial transactions.
- Each commercial transaction is audited to make sure everything matches to what was entered into the system then we have to scan the title work again into the commercial system and then scan any supporting documents into the commercial system as well.
- Assist commercial customers with required USDOT documentation for their accounts. Assist with updating MCS150 filings, Secretary of State, UCR, IRS 2290s, IRS SS4/147C application and IFTA.
- Attached is a checklist of all documents required to obtain a new commercial account in Kansas. All documents must be reviewed, scanned and will be audited by our office in preparation for the State KOOR audit.
- Drivers License
- Processed 130 drivers licenses. Drivers license are inclusive of Learner's Permits, Farm Permits, Motorcycle Permits, customers moving in from Out of State. All documents have to be in compliance with Federal TSA regulations. This involves fraud review and reporting every transaction.
- Taxes
- Receipted \$308,782.37 of property taxes.
- Balance tax abstract.
- Process adds, abates and refunds.
- Distributed all funds for Tax Entities for June Distribution.
- Antiques
- Harold is programming an antique program for billing and accounting.
- Antique statements and bills generated and mailed.
- Antique payments collected, posted and balanced.
- Purchases
- Possibly will be required to purchase new computers due to being incompatibility with Windows upgrades.
- Training
- Daily training of employees in all areas of the office duties for unique situations.
- Ida McClelland went to a 3 day meeting Manhattan for the

Treasurers.

Financial Management

- Each day every transaction is balanced to the penny daily for any money brought in. DWS system is balanced by each individual clerk. All daily records are then consolidated and balanced for financial accounting and banking. The market value of securities is reviewed to cover cash balances at each banking facility.
- Transactions are completed with the Municipal Investment Pool of the State of Kansas.
- Contacted any customers regarding insufficient checks. Give them a week and then we are required to contact the State for them to issue us that money and the State goes after them for payment.
- Processed Interest on Investments.
- Receipt money for all other offices.
- Balance all bank accounts - checking, savings, MIP.
- Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) sent daily to KDOR and other State Departments.

Clerk's Office
June 2025

- Processed by weekly payroll and added 5 employees as full-time, 4 part-time, termed 2
- Had \$743,904.24 in claim vouchers for accounts payable
- Julie attended the final courses to become a Certified Election Officer through the Kansas Secretary of State's office
- Continued checking supplies for the upcoming city/school election.
- Continued voter roll maintenance
- Julie continued training with Deanna Wolken on how to complete reporting for the General Transportation buses on KDOT and next steps for transition to county. Completed 2026 budget for transportation.
- Prepared budgets for township and cemetery districts; Compiled information to send to Rodney Burns to prepare county budget
- Sent out budget information sheets to all taxing entities and completed the July Abstract for the Kansas Property Valuation Division
- Southland Cruisers car show was held on the courthouse lawn and restrooms opened up.

Fire & Rescue

June 2025
38 calls from June 1st -June 26th
I responded to 17
June 3-5 had Flow test which is air pack testing to make sure

adequate air moves through the pack which all of them in the county passed I believe there was approximately 40.

June 6th took fire truck to Vacation Bible School at First Methodist Church from 0900-1300

I took Drone class and Pass June 9th-June 11th with a FAA pilot license

June 16-18 Clean storage shed with Sarah. Got a huge huge progress.

June 19-21 spent in Neosho Co searching for a missing boy after a train accident upon their mutual aide request.

Round table June 25-26 for Kansas State Fire Chief Association which I joined that group upon a request. There will be a meeting estimated approximately every other month.

June 27th I am schedule for a surgery procedure unknown down time at this point.

Sheriff's Report

- Sheriff's Office has open positions in the Communication and Detention Center.
- 1,173 Calls for Service
- 151 Civil Process Papers Served
- 16 Arrests
- 93 Incident Reports
- 14 Citations
- 69 Inmates Booked and/or Released from the Detention Center.
- All supervisors in the detention center have received Kansas Jail Supervisory Training in Hutchinson, Kansas.
- We implemented all detention supervisors to complete 26 hours of annual online interactive Detention and Correction Officers Training Academy (DACOTA) through the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO).
- We implemented all detention officers to complete 14 hours of annual online interactive Detention and Correction Officers Training Academy (DACOTA) through the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO).
- All detention staff have began SPARK Training which sets the standard for training and compliance through high-quality programs and quality improvement for medical and behavioral/mental health training for jails.
- Attended a 2 clay conference hosted by the Kansas Association of Sheriff's at the Jail Summit Conference in reference to medical/legal issues.
- We had 2 detention officers going to the Kansas Jail Training Academy.

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CASON

JULY 28, 1952 – JUNE 21, 2025

Clark Gene Cason, age 72 of LaHarpe, Kansas, passed peacefully in his sleep on June 21, 2025.

Clark was born in Iola, Kansas, at St. John's Hospital on July 28, 1952, to Bob and Pauline (Sexton) Cason.

He graduated from Iola High School where he was a track and cross-country star. After high school, he earned a certificate in Automobile Mechanics at the Beloit Campus of Fort Hays Technical. Later in life, he took classes at Allen Community College and graduated from Graham School for Cattleman where he learned how to artificially inseminate cows. He was especially excited about this new skill and would go into great detail explaining the process to friends and family.

Clark was a worker! He spent his childhood summers in Texas, unwillingly following in the family business, S.E. Cason & Son Produce. He started his official employment at 14, working at King's Sandwich Shop and was happy to actually be paid for his labor. Along with working as a mechanic in his early adult life, he also worked in the oilfields. In 1976, he took a job at Gates Rubber Company and worked there for 33 years. He was proud of his many trips to Mexico with Gates, where he helped set up new production plants there. His lifelong love of anything outdoors was his inspiration to open his own gun and sporting goods shop. He loved visiting with all the sportsmen (and women) in the area when they would come to his shop to buy or just to visit. Clark was an expert visitor. He could talk to anyone about anything.....for hours. He never knew a stranger!

Over the years, Clark owned horses, cattle, pigs,

dogs, and cats. He was happiest when on his farm, visiting with family or friends.

When his wife Donna became too ill to work, Clark sold all his cattle, closed the gun shop, and became her full-time caregiver. The



Cason

level of care he provided for Donna was a remarkable. Clark married his high school sweetheart, Caroline (Hood) Cason one year after high school. They were married for 12 years and had two children, Christopher and Carrie. Clark and Caroline remained great friends, even celebrating holidays together with the kids and grandkids.

In 1986 he met and married Donna (Witt) Cason. They were two peas in a pod. They enjoyed traveling and attended many Mountain Man Rendezvous where they would get together with other like-minded folks to reenact the 19th century American West trading posts. These events were lively affairs that included socializing, storytelling and demonstrating skills like blacksmithing, leatherworking and flint knapping. He was proficient at ax throwing and restoring and shooting black powder guns.

While Donna was still employed at Allen College, she and Clark took in several homesick out of state students. They provided a loving secondary home and adoptive family to several kids, now adults who have remained lifelong friends.

Speaking of secondary families, we cannot forget to mention Russ and Tina Gardner and the early

morning coffee crowd from Tina's Place, where Clark could be found bright and early every morning Tina's was open.

After Donna's passing in 2019, he kept himself busy with all kinds of hobbies. He collected coins, guns, fishing poles, and wood working tools. He had recently turned his gun shop building into a wood working shop. He enjoyed online auctions, restoring antique furniture and was becoming quite the cook. He taught himself how to bake bread, among other things and had recently mastered sous vide cooking. He loved genealogy and had traced his lineage back hundreds of years. He was a member of the Iola Elks Lodge #569.

Clark was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Pauline Cason and his wife, Donna (Witt) Cason.

Clark is survived by his first wife Caroline Cason, Iola, son Christopher, Liberty, MO, daughter Carrie, Iola, siblings Carol Cason-Hedden, Iola, Michael Cason, Olathe, MO, Taylor Cason, Kearney, MO, Connie Cason, Iola, daughter-in-law, Amie Cason, Kearney, MO, grandchildren Logan Cason, Liberty, MO, Lucas Cason, Kearney, MO, Megan Cason, Pleasant Valley, MO along with many nieces and nephews.

Clark's family will greet friends from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Venue. Clark's memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 1883 US-54 Hwy, Iola, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to Allen County Animal Rescue Facility and left with Feuerborn Family Funeral Service. Condolences for the family can be left at www.

dismissed concerns about vagueness, overreach, and intent requirements, noting that existing Kansas law provides sufficient safeguards.

The decision means Kansas officials, including Kobach and the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, can move forward with enforcing the new restrictions as the 2025 ballot season begins.

"Judge Crabtree's opinion is well reasoned and thorough," Kobach said. "The Kansas Legislature acted constitutionally when it addressed the specific problem of foreign nationals funneling money into referendum campaigns on Kansas constitutional amendments." KCF has not yet indicated whether it will appeal the ruling.

was designed to silence their political advocacy and unfairly targets groups like theirs that opposed the 2022 anti-abortion amendment. They also argued the law is overly broad, vague, and lacks clear protections for those who unknowingly violate it.

However, Judge Crabtree sided with the state, ruling that the law likely survives constitutional scrutiny. He found Kansas has a "compelling interest" in preventing foreign interference in democratic processes and concluded the law appears to be narrowly tailored to achieve that goal.

"The state has the right to limit foreign influence over fundamental decisions, such as amendments to its constitution," Crabtree wrote in the ruling. He also

WARNER

JUNE 15, 1950 – JUNE 10, 2025

Gregory Stuart Warner was born on June 15, 1950 in St. Joseph, MO. He was adopted by Loren and Helen (Patterson) Warner. He passed away on June 10, 2025 at Delmar Gardens in Lenexa, KS.

He held many jobs in his life. Warner Manufacturing, where he made many life long friends, the National Guard, King Radio, Wolf Creek, janitor at Greeley Elementary School, repairing snapper lawn mowers, the Lee Co. and Ottawa Truck.

He loved buying classic cars and tinkering with them. He loved car



Warner

shows and vehicle racing of all kinds. He loved cats and dogs, and had so very many throughout his lifetime. He passed that love onto his daughters.

He married Theresa (Katz) and they had 3 daughters, Stephanie, Stacie and Sara. They later divorced. He then married Linda (McNeill) and they had a daughter, Samantha. They later divorced.

Greg is survived by all four daughters, Stephanie (Allen) Young, Stacie (Raymond) Rupp, Sara Warner and Samantha (Allen) Spann. Grandchildren: JD (Rylie)

Young, Jesse (Jamie) Young, Kayden McHendry, Karter Henness, Alexis Young, Keegan, Kaylea and Kolbee Spann. One great grandson, Hudson Young.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, Anita Diane Warner and a grandson, Karson Amari Ray Walker.

Greg's family will greet friends from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett, Kansas. Memorials are suggested to Good Shepard Hospice or Prairie Paws Animal Shelter and can be left in the care of the funeral home. Condolences for the family can be left at www.

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adding that competition is for learning as much as winning.

Added this year is a Car Show organized by Aaron Oestreicher to go along with the Old Tractor Show in charge of David Reeves. All these vehicles are asked to be on main street by 10 am Saturday and also to be in the Grand Parade

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that evening. Leading the parade this year will be Grand Marshals Leo Robert and Mary Wiederholt. Both have contributed to the Richmond Fair in numerous ways, Leo since he was a 4-H member himself.

Special appreciation goes to TT&T for the free Watermelon Feed on Saturday at 7 pm, to Goppert State Service Bank and Patriots Bank for providing t shirts for youth exhibitors, to the corporate sponsors of Cowboy Olympics, and others. Fair books are available at the Anderson County and Franklin County locations of Frontier Extension Service and several other locations.

Weather permitting,

a Bike to the Fair is set for Saturday, July 12th, leaving the Garnett Depot at 7 am and ending at the Richmond Fairgrounds. The Ruritans and RACO always have food and drinks available and there will be other vendors.

Thursday night's entertainment includes Cowboy Olympics and a Corn Hoe Tournament. Friday night features the David Wooge Band, and Saturday night is Trevor Holman and The Haymakers.

For further information, call Fair Board President Sarah Peters at 785-418-4300 or Livestock Superintendent Laurinda Sobba at 785-241-0850. Also visit the Richmond Free Fair Facebook.

BALLOT...

FROM PAGE 1

had argued that the law, House Bill 2106, violates free speech, association rights, and due process protections under the U.S. Constitution.

House Bill 2106, which takes effect today, prohibits individuals and groups from accepting foreign contributions — or donations from entities that have themselves accepted foreign money — to promote or oppose proposed amendments to the Kansas Constitution. It also imposes new certification and reporting requirements for those engaged in such political activities.

KCF contended the law

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No kings. No pterodactyls, either

When you set about baking a cake, in the end, you should have a cake.

When you engage a plan for building a house, in the end, if you're successful, you should have a house.

So in that regard, the recent massing of leftist crybabies across the country and as nearby as Ottawa and Johnson County were massively successful in their "No Kings" protest. Here we are more than a week later, and not a king in sight.

Jolly good show, as the Brits who built the Bridge Over The River Kwai would say.

Yep, not a single king in the entire United States. Unless you figure Budweiser is still the king of beers, which is debatable if you've ever had a Yuengling, or that Elvis is still the king of rock 'n' roll. That one is indisputable.

But as far as the government of the United States, the MACA (Make America Crappy Again) crowd which foistered the No Kings shindig and the celebrated Woman's March at the beginning of Trump I, there is no argument that their protest to declare America free of kings has been overwhelmingly successful.

It was this recipe for unmitigated success that motivated The Anderson County Review to pursue our own "No Pterodactyls" protest last weekend on the Anderson County Courthouse lawn. You may have seen the videos on social media or read about it in the nation's leading newspapers. The throngs of motivated, passionate protesters that we drew to the event in downtown Garnett were in the end, indeed just as successful as our brothers in protest at No Kings. Look around. Do you see any pterodactyls?

Now, maybe you're reading this and mocking my claim of victory in a protest to ban a reptilian flying dinosaur extinct for some 66 million years. I think that's very shortsighted of you if that's the case.

Likewise, the noble No Kings protesters are not dissuaded from their empassioned quest by what may be your guffaw



of laughter and snickering assertions that they actually accomplished absolutely nothing except wasting a Sunday.

That's the problem with you Trump fans, you have this thing about expecting actual results instead of endless, pointless jabber and crying on cue for a social media post.

While the No Kings folks celebrated their banner success, President Trump had a pretty good week of his own.

NATO leaders love Trump's approach to international security after the Iran bombing so much they're referring to him as 'daddy,' (no, I'm not kidding) and are pledging to pony up more of their own cash for NATO defense; the Iran/Israel ceasefire is holding and dust from Iran's nuclear weapons program is now being wiped off tabletops and Crescent Moon figurines all over the Middle East; the U.S. stock market ended last week poised to set a new all-time record; the U.S. inflation rate is now 2.4% instead of 7% like four years ago; only about two illegal aliens got across the southern border (best guess); his DOJ won the argument over federal judges usurping his executive orders, and he still had time to nail down a peace deal between Rwanda and Republic of Congo.

How about that. From No Kings to the alleged King himself, success all the way around. ####



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Garnett citizens. Need your help. I have met with some city officials and from our conversations they are of the opinion everyone is happy with status regarding boat storage, camper storage, trash storage locations, trash cans left along streets, trailers 2 & 4 wheeled with & without trash, metal, wood furniture around town full & in our city limits with no signs of moving to the dump. The city needs your feedback & by giving them an address & complaints they can act on it. Brush piles in yard, yards with no maintenance. Let

them know and with your help they will make Garnett great again, or without your help it will remain as is.

Felt like I was offroading when I drove through the alley behind the south side of the square. Do we have anyone who checks our alleys and reports needed repairs? Yes, it's rained and washed some out but let's get a handle on this please.

Concerning college athletics, we need to number one get rid of the stupid transfer portal number two stop schools from making nationwide conferences. It's silly that K-state travels to Florida or Arizona for a game. Number three, we should limit athletes to two schools per career and not any more than that. And number four, we need to stop paying amateur players in college or at the very least, institute a salary cap. Thank you.

SEE FORUM ON PAGE 7

Ruling: Parents, not schools, greenlit to raise their kids

Absolutely no one won at the U.S. Supreme Court this term more than America's parents and children.

Parents, not public schools, can direct the upbringing of their children especially in religious matters, the high court ruled Friday in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*.

The case is an ongoing tug-of-war between parents and Maryland's Montgomery County Public Schools over whether the district can expose the youngest of children to LGBT books touting alternative sexual lifestyles without the parents' consent.

The high court said in unequivocal terms that schools cannot do so.

"We have long recognized the rights of parents to direct 'the religious upbringing' of their children," Justice Samuel Alito wrote for the court's 6-3 majority. "And this is not merely a right to teach religion in the confines of one's own home. Rather, it extends to the choices that parents wish to make for their children outside the home."

The ruling is a de facto parents' bill of rights.

Common sense would dictate this outcome, if the Constitution did not. Americans cannot truly be considered to be free citizens if their government decides what their children can and cannot be exposed to at the earliest of ages.



While the district initially allowed parents to opt their children out of its sexual indoctrination, it decided to stop allowing that because so many parents were opting out – creating what it said was a burden on the district.

This is where common sense yielded to dictatorial government thinking: The district stopped allowing the opt-outs, rather than considering the possibility that its sexualization of young children was actually the problem.

Here we have a fundamental, historic fork in the road: Do kids belong to parents or governments?

Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) President Stacy Davis Gates made it clear where she stands in a speech on Monday.

"CTU thinks your children are its children," she snidely mocked critics of saying – brazenly adding, "Yes, we do. We do. We do."

This is blatant Bolshevism. Thank heaven above the U.S. Supreme Court disagreed with her Friday.

Powerful parental rights nonprofit Moms for Liberty immediately heralded the court's landmark decision.

"The Supreme Court just sided with parents over the authoritarian schools in Maryland that sought to FORCE elementary school children into explicit, sexual education against the will of their parents," CEO and Co-Founder Tina Descovich said in a release.

"I'm so proud of Moms for Liberty's own Rosalind Hanson who was a petitioner in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* and fought tirelessly for the right to raise our children as we parents see fit. We do not co-parent with the Government – and we are winning!"

And so are America's parents and children.

– Michael Ryan is executive editor of The Heartlander.
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Why did the FBI hide info on Nashville school shooter?

More than two years after facing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for playing politics with a trans killer's manifesto, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has agreed to a settlement.

The agreement is a victory for transparency and open government, but it's personal for this reporter.

'Did Not Want the Public to Know'

I was a plaintiff in the federal lawsuit demanding that the FBI release the manifesto of Audrey Hale, the biological woman identifying as a man who in March 2023 burst into a Nashville Christian school and murdered three third-graders and three staff members before being fatally shot by responding police.

At the time, I was National Political Editor for the Star News Network, which has done some of the best investigative work in bringing to light the dark mind of a mentally deranged mass murderer despite law enforcement efforts to keep the killer's motives shrouded in secrecy. President Joe Biden's FBI, which pulled the levers behind the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's (MNP) handling of the politically charged case, denied my FOIA request for Hale's manifesto. The file includes hundreds of pages of the 28-year-old woman's journals and other writings.

In May 2023, Star News CEO and Editor-in-Chief Michael Patrick Leahy and I filed a lawsuit seeking the documents. Star News also sued the Nashville Police Department, joining the Tennessean newspaper and other groups in what became a combined complaint.

We were represented by the Wisconsin



Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL), a nonprofit conservative law firm based in Milwaukee. On Wednesday, WILL announced the settlement, in which the FBI has agreed to turn over 120 pages of the shooter's manifesto and to pay the law firm more than \$86,000 in legal fees.

The lawsuit would likely still be tied up in federal court had the FBI, under new management, not agreed to end the Biden FBI's prolonged fight to keep the public in the dark. FBI Director Kash Patel ultimately ended an empty "investigation" into a trans school shooter who died at the scene and had no accomplices.

"This was a case in which the Biden administration did not want the public to know what motivated this transgender shooter to shoot up the school and kill six people," Dan Lennington, WILL's deputy counsel, told me Wednesday on the Dan O'Donnell Show.

The trans-centric Biden administration wanted to protect the trans agenda, and, as the Star News Network reported, the FBI advised against releasing information that it believed could put

males pretending to be females and females identifying as males at risk. As The Federalist reported, four days after the shooting at the Christian elementary school, Biden issued a statement insisting that "Transgender Americans shape our Nation's soul." New York Post columnist Miranda Devine at the time noted that the far-left president railed against "MAGA extremists [who] are advancing hundreds of hateful and extreme state laws that target transgender kids and their families. ... These attacks are un-American and must end." He said nothing about a twisted trans Nashville area resident indoctrinated in hate.

'Fighting Back'

We learned more about that thanks to reporting by the Tennessee Star, the flagship news site of the Star News Network. The online outlet obtained from a source familiar with the investigation the killer's full 2023 journal, which paints a picture of a deeply troubled biological woman militantly rallying around the trans flag.

In the copies of "dozens of handwritten pages" obtained last year, Hale detailed an hour-by-hour plan for her attack and made racist declarations that she wanted to "kill all you little crackers" — expressing rage over "their white privileges [sic]."

"Now that we have the manifesto we do know what her motivations were," Lennington said in the radio interview. "She had significant anti-white motivations ... motivations based on her sexuality, other people's sexuality. A deep

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Training, then out to the field

Continued log of activities while at 2025 Kansas Archeology Training Field School held in Douglas County, Kansas, June 6-15.

I will try to share with you the highlights of each day and some of the artifacts unearthed in our two assigned grids.

Friday 6June2025

Attended two required classes in the morning. After lunch I reported to the field. I was assigned to grids 180 & 400 as their personal screener.

Someone had already set up my station with a wheelbarrow and box screen. My Crew Chief was Melanie Naden (also one of two Mentors)

Lynn Gentine was the other one. Our grid crews were: Lynn Gentine, Erica Borgeson, Jay-Lynn Bauer. (180). Michaela Young, Emma Fuchs, Beetle Hatch, (400). All but Lynn are Dr. Laura Murphy's students from Washburn, University, Topeka, Ks.

After work today I drove back to Lawrence and booked my room for nine days at the ECONO LODGE. Called Kay. To bed early.

Saturday 7June2025

Woke up to pouring rain. Due to lightening and storms in the area working in the field was cancelled until 1:00 pm. I returned to the Lab in the Pride

DIGGING UP THE PAST



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Building in LeCompton. There, I helped clean artifacts from another site until noon. Boy, did I ever have a muddy and slick travel back to the site. At times I had my doubts whether I was going to make it up the hill. A few artifacts found today were, three brass domed brads or buttons, (perhaps from something leather), an early sewing pin, square and wire nails, a China shard dated 1902. Paid a visit to Dillon's grocery store this evening. Called Kay.

Sunday 8June2025

Bright sunny day. A large group in the field today. Our crew found several artifacts today. Unusual style lead washers, .36 Caliber pistol ball, small white porcelain button, bottle glass, plain white dishware shards, and more nails. Sprinkling as I return to the motel. Called Kay.

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers.
30June2025
...to be continued

Spencer tops in Pitch results

Results from the 26th of June are as follows: Dorothy Spencer took top honor winning 8 of 10 games; Ray Wards won the 50/50; John Walter had the most hands of 13 with 3 and Glenda Stanley won the least number of

games. Please join us on Thursday evening promptly at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center for 10 games (four hands) of 13-point pitch. Always room for one more. Jan Wards reporting

80 years ago – Schuster family has 5 boys in 3 military branches

1875 - 150 years ago

Jul 9 - There was hardly any drunkenness, and no necessity for arrests last Saturday, which was the Fourth in this city. We have heard of no rows or broken heads in the county. Everybody had a good time but went about it rationally and decently.

1885 - 40 years ago

Jul 3 - Charlie Sisson's free lunch, Saturday, was a success. He fed over two hundred people. The "hungry crew" of this office "took in" the treat and can testify to the quality of the viands. From the time the lunch began there was a constant stream of men, going in hungry and coming out happy, until the close of the "ceremonies."

Jul 3 - The city council will meet on Monday evening, July 6th, at Edgar Spangle's office. All persons having business with the city should be present. Come up and see how the mugwumps perform.

1905 - 20 years ago

Jul 7 - It is generally believed that several brick and stone business buildings now occupied are not safe. Some of them are very old and the walls out of plumb and may fall at any time. For the safety of the public, they ought to be examined by an expert and if pronounced unsafe they ought to be condemned and repaired.

1945 - 80 years ago

Jul 4 - Five sons of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Schuster of West Fourth Avenue, Garnett, are divided among three branches of the United States Armed forces--two in the Navy, two in the Air Corps and one in the infantry. Henry Schuster, 2/c, has been in the Navy two years, now serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Pvt.

THAT WAS THEN



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Historical gleanings from past newspapers.

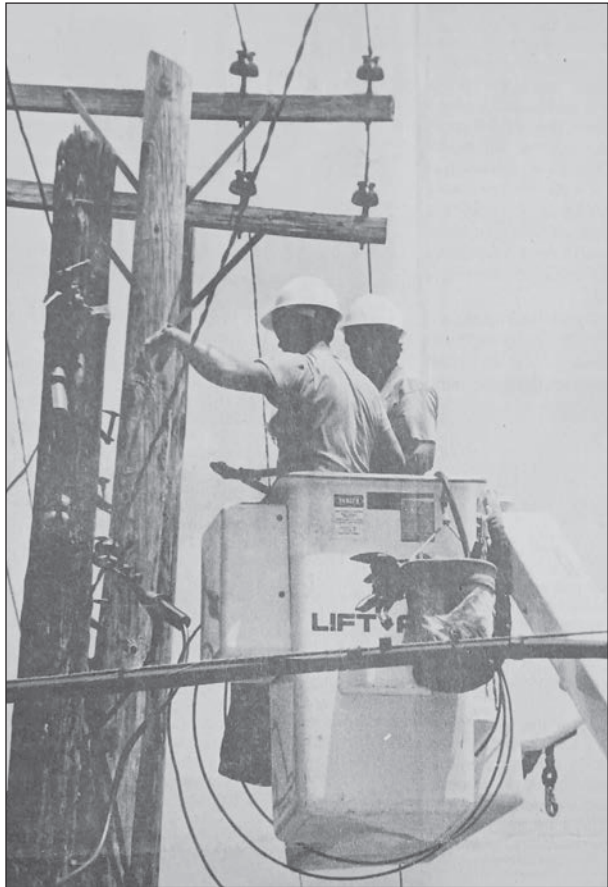
Carrol Schuster, in the infantry, has been in the service for the past six months. The latest word is that he is at the point of embarkation on the west coast. Sgt. Frank Schuster is a 'chute rigger in the Air Force. He has been in the service nearly four years, two and one-half being spent in England. He is now in North Africa. Sgt. John Schuster is an armorer with the Emergency Rescue squadron. His length of military service is two years. Paul Schuster, S /c, is serving on the LST in the Pacific having been in the Navy for more than a year.

1965 - 60 years ago

Jul 5 - Church bells, dinner bells and other household bells were to ring here for two minutes at noon yesterday as Garnett joined the nation in a special Fourth of July observance begun several years ago. Ringing of the bells is a modern tradition as part of a campaign to "Let Freedom Ring."

1975 - 50 years ago

Jul 3 - City Manager Mike McDowell said that all the traffic at the city dump all week and on Monday was unbelievable, Monday was the last day the dump was open. McDowell said there was a veritable traffic jam out there all weekend and that trash was piled up to the



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Jun 19, 1995 – Garnett line crew employees braved high temperatures as they worked on electrical lines along Oak Street Friday afternoon. Temperatures rose into the lower 90s Friday making the day one of the hottest of the year. The crew was removing an old transformer that used to service the old Hotel Richart.

block house practically every morning.

Jul 3 - Not much in the way of activity is being planned here for the Fourth of July, which is Friday. The Chamber of Commerce had earlier in the year cancelled the annual fireworks display, due to the rising costs. Picnickers, boaters, golfers, swimmers, and tennis players will most likely take advantage of the north park facilities during the three-day weekend.

Jul 7 - Bulldozers were working Tuesday, the first day the county landfill

was open for business. The trench was dug deeper than at first planned. The first loads of trash began arriving there as the city's trash pickup service was in operation.

2005 - 20 Years ago

Jul 5 - Garnett City commissioners approved a \$1.3 million limited tax abatement for a motel project to be built just off U.S. 169 Highway near Garnett this fall after listening to details on the project and assessing the possible economic impact.

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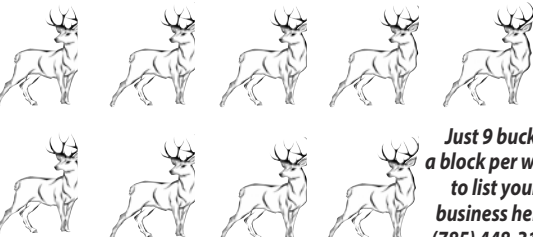
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Thursday, July 3, 2025
4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmer's Market
5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks
at Garnett Senior Center
6:00 p.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday, July 4, 2025
Independence Day
Saturday, July 5, 2025
Westphalia Day
Monday, July 7, 2025
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
10:00 a.m. - Storytime hosted by the Garnett Public Library
3:30 p.m. - Bricks & Books - Grades 3rd-8th @ Garnett Public Library
5:00 p.m. - ACDA Advisory Board
5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission
6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday/Saturday July 10-12
101st Richmond Free Fair
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
8:45 a.m. - Yoga
1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
3:30 p.m. - Kids Craft Club K-3rd
Grade @ Garnett Public Library
4:00 p.m. - Walker Art Committee
6:30 p.m. - Awana
Thursday, July 17, 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, July 18, 2025
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
Monday, July 21, 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, July 22, 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
Wednesday, July 23, 2025
8:45 a.m. - Yoga
9:30 a.m. - Catholic Resource Bus
1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
6:30 p.m. - Awana
7:00 p.m. - Book Discussion at Garnett Public Library

FORUM...

FROM PAGE 1

Your president bombing Iran – that’s against the law. And is said they didn’t do any damage. Republicans stop blaming Democrats or everything that he does.

I am tired of the flybys with the airplanes, or whatever you want to call them every time I’m trying to watch and show on my TV, there’s flybys.

Oh, I hate to nitpick, but I’m gonna. I went to the fireworks display Saturday night in Garnett, and it was very nice, enjoyed it very much. But the little flyer that they give you at the gate, after I gave them my money, says fireworks display courtesy of Victory, Pyrotechnics. I beg to differ, it was not a courtesy of the company. It was done for pay by people like me who donated. So I think we need some better writers in the City of Garnett. Thank you.

“Worthy of Your Calling” is recent message at Colony Christian Church

Lexy Langworthy and Ashley Riebel led worship singing “Open Up the Heavens,” “Shout to the Lord,” “Holy Water” and “Jesus Messiah.” They were accompanied by Speed Elsasser with Ben Prasko on keyboard and Ethan Prasko on percussion.

Howard Reiter’s communion meditation was titled “The Only One Standing.” Daniel 3:8 tells the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who were thrown into a fiery furnace for refusing to bow to the statue of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. These three men told the king that their God would deliver them out of the fire but even if He wouldn’t they would never bow to a statue. God did deliver them and King Nebuchadnezzar declared his entire kingdom would thereafter only speak favorably of this Most High God.

Ruritans host breakfast July 12 at Lane

The Pottawatomie Township Ruritans will hold a community breakfast on Saturday, July 12, 7 a.m.-9 a.m. at the Lane Community Building. Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, French toast, scrambled eggs & sausage patties will be served. Proceeds go to community service projects. The Ruritans, formally known as Ruritan

We should stand for righteousness even when we are the only one.

Pastor Chase Riebel spoke from Ephesians 4:1 about being “Worthy of Your Calling.” Peter’s words in Acts 2:37 pierced the hearts of those who heard them and turned many people to Jesus. We can celebrate being citizens of Heaven and be honored to bear the good fruits of Galatians 5:22. Pastor Chase also talked about the 1599 Patriots Edition of the Geneva Bible which contains numerous historical documents including George Washington’s “Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation.”

Following the service Bailey and Colton Boone, daughter and son of Logan and Laura Boone, were baptized.

National, are a civic service organization in the United States dedicated to improving communities and building a spirit of fellowship and goodwill. Founded in 1928 in Holland, Virginia, Ruritan’s mission is to create a better understanding among people and, through volunteer community service.

of the trans killer’s writings. Why the agency did so remains unclear. Kelly did not have to go to court and through a lengthy settlement process to receive them. The FBI also sent the documents to members of



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Via a grant the Garnett Community Foundation and the Patterson Family, the Garnett Farmers Market last week made a \$3,000 contribution to the City of Garnett for relocation and setup expenses for its three recently acquired iron pavilions. Above from left: commissioner Jody Cole, GACC President Helen Norman, mayor Mark Locke, GACC board member Liz Hawkins, commissioner Nate Wiehl and GACC board member Jessica Mills.

Bedlam breaks out at Hyatt Club meeting

Hyatt Club met June 10, 2025 at the First Christian Church. Erin and Linda Miller were the hostesses. Hyatt Club never came to order, but then again that is how we roll. Disorderly.

We had 16 members and one guest Dawn Hatfield, she was with Shirley Benjamin and we were glad to have her. Linda had the blessings and then we enjoyed the ham sliders and all the side dishes that were provided.

Mystery gifts were guessed by Donna Benjamin, a humming-

bird feeder and Sandra Hamilton guessed a water bottle. Not only did they guess the mystery gifts but they both received patriotic [Summer Fun gifts] from their secret pals. If your last name is Benjamin you were going to be a lucky winner at Hyatt Club. Sherry and Marilyn Benjamin each picked the lucky number for the hostess gifts, pretty yellow kalanchoe plants. The role call was “When and where were our parents married,” some fun and entertaining facts were given about our

parents.

Diane Hastert read the minutes and gave the treasurer’s report. We missed the members that were not able to attend. Hopefully they will be able to attend the next meet July 16, 2025 it will be held at the Archer room at noon. Hosted by Diane and Becky Don’t forget to pick up the 2025 Anderson County fair book, it has been updated , worth checking out. Stay Cool and Hydrated and see you on July 16.

Secretary, Becky King

KITTLE...

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hatred of basically western family values motivated her.”

“And we knew that the FBI had this information. They did not want to release it to the public. They withheld it, requiring us to sue them,” the attorney added.

The judge overseeing the open records lawsuit against the Nashville Police Department threatened Leahy with contempt charges and possible jail time in the records leak, charges unsubstantiated by the facts of the case and records laws.

“Journalists everywhere should be willing to go to the mat to hold their government accountable, regardless of the story or who is in charge at the nation’s capital,” Leahy said in a press release. “We appreciate WILL for taking our case and fighting back against the Biden administration’s reckless and dangerous record retention policies.”

‘No Good Justification’

The FBI also agreed to release 112 pages of the killer’s writings to Judicial Watch. There remain hundreds more pages in the possession of the law enforcement agencies. As the Tennessee Star noted Wednesday, its publication last year of Hale’s 2023 journal accounted for about 15 percent of her total writings seized by police.

In early April, the FBI reportedly sent the Megyn Kelly Show 1,000 pages

RECORD...

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- Deputy Jones completed his K-9 training from Cedar Creek Kennels.
- Deputy Milliken completed basic SWAT training.
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Jackson County residents seek injunction to pause solar farm

Lawsuit drawing attention of property rights advocates

BY DANE HICKS THE KANSAS INFORMER

SENECA – Plaintiffs in a major Kansas industrial solar farm lawsuit are awaiting a decision on an injunction sought earlier this month against NextEra Energy in federal court in Kansas City, Kansas.

Plaintiffs Thomas Hoffman, Joseph Strong, Vincent Shibler and David Shibler, all Jackson County residents, named former U.S. Treasury Department head Janet Yellen, Jackson County Commissioners and other officials in the lawsuit which seeks to pause the 5,000 acre solar project until its environmental impact can be assessed. The court’s decision on the June 18 hearing on in the case has not yet been delivered.

NextEra’s 5,000 acre, 500 megawat Jeffrey Solar project in southwest Jackson County could be operational by 2030.

The federal complaint says the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) – often called the “Magna Carta” of U.S. environmental law – requires federal agencies to prepare a detailed statement of environmen-

tal impact for all “major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.” The complaint alleges federal entities and other officials named as defendants failed to apply NEPA to renewable projects in Kansas and other states that received massive federal subsidies through the Inflation Reduction Act. Without those reviews, the plaintiffs allege the federal agents who approved the IRA tax subsidies for those projects acted unlawfully.

The Biden Administration’s “Inflation Reduction Act,” often maligned by critics for its massive federal spending which they say spurred post-Covid U.S. inflation instead of curbing it, included a program of transferable tax credits that cover as much as 70 percent of the cost of new industrial scale solar and wind farm projects. Those subsidies can be sold for tax-free revenue, and federal reports say the cost of those energy tax subsidies could top \$1.8 trillion over the next decade. The incentives have spurred a boom in new solar and wind projects in the U.S., and pitted rural landowners anxious to lease their land to the projects against neighbors concerned about surface water runoff, ground water

contamination, degradation of the rural landscape and decreased property values.

“The outcome of this hearing could set a precedent for how renewable energy projects are evaluated nationwide,” said Virgina Crossland-Macha with Stand For The Land Kansas, which filed a Friend of the Court Brief on behalf of the plaintiffs. “It’s a fight to ensure our land, environment, and community voices are respected before irreversible decisions are made.”



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NextEra Energy plans a solar field similar to this one in Jackson County, Kansas. Local residents are seeking an federal injunction to halt the project until an environmental study on its impact is completed.

Marshall touts wins in Trump bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kansas Senator Roger Marshall touted bullet-points in Tuesday’s Senate passage of President Trump’s Big, Beautiful Bill. The bill now goes back to the U.S. House for final passage.

“President Trump promised more money in your pocket, a secure border, and a strong national defense, and today the Senate delivered,” said Senator Marshall. “The House should immediately take up the Republican reconciliation bill and get it to the President’s desk by July 4th. This is just the beginning of America’s great Golden Age.”

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“Matter of Balance” class set at Richmond

It’s true the Richmond Free Fair is coming soon, but there are other activities going on in town, also.

A Matter of Balance is the name of the eight-week class offered by Frontier District of the K-State Research and Extension Service and Franklin Co. Health Dept., 10 a.m.-12 Noon Wednesdays (no class July 9). Facilitators are Janae McNally and Ashlea Confer who are leading the 12 women attending in managing concerns about

falling. The class meets at the United Methodist Church.

Some weeks ago these same two groups provided a grant and leadership that provided stainless steel shelves and two lightweight tables for the Food Pantry at R.U.M.C. The church’s Food Pantry is for residents of the Richmond-Scipio area and is open Tuesdays, 3-5, with an outside box always available. Central Heights FFA members set-up the shelves.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

McFadden saltwater recover application

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, July 3, 2025)
Before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: McFadden Oil Co. – Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of saltwater into the Squirrel Formation – Minkley 1AO-2AO-3AO and McGhee W-1X located in Anderson County, Kansas.

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

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 1AO 2805 Ft S. Line , 4420 Ft E. Line, 2AO 2805 Ft S line, 4900 Ft E line, 3AO 2805 Ft S line, 3902 Ft E line all in Sec. 10-23-19E and McGhee W-1X 1800 Ft S line, 2200 Ft E line in Sec 10-23-19E; Anderson County, Kansas with maximum operating pressure of 700

psi and a maximum injection rate of 70 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.
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Iola, Kansas 66749
620-496-7946
jy3t1

City regulates peddlers

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday July 3, 2025)

CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4276

On June 24, 2025, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4276 regulating solicitors and peddlers, amending Article 12 of the Municipal Code (Ed. of 2023), providing penalty for violations thereof and repealing existing sections thereof and also

repealing Ordinance 4274.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at www.garnettks.net (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

This summary is certified by Terry J. Solander, City Attorney, in compliance with K.S.A. 12-3007.
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Garrett foreclosure sale

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, July 3, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Jennette Garrett; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Jennette Garrett; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)
Defendants.

Case No. AN-2024-CV-000035
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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Anderson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for

DEFUND...

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levels made it hard for the agency to staff personnel because it didn't pay "fair market wages," but increased salaries had expanded and solidified staff. Fawson said the center's overall budget is now some \$75 million, but he said even that level of funding wasn't sufficient to meet growing needs for mental health and addiction services in the region of 65,000 people.

McGhee said while the county supported SEK's mission, ongoing budget pressures from overburdened taxpayers made it hard to justify the contribution to an agency so flush with other funds.

"We have never not supported the mission you're doing," McGhee said. "That's never been what this is about."

"We're in the same boat you were in several years ago," said 2nd District

Commisisoner Tony Mersman. "We're struggling with a budget. If we can utilize this somewhere else to help our constituents, we've got to do it."

The budgeting period for counties will culminate in the next few weeks with finalized budgets and public hearings generally set in August or early September before the spending plans for 2026 are formally adopted. Funding line items for the agency in the six member counties won't be known until that time. Allen County recently replaced its two former board of trustees members with two new appointees. Linn County also appointed a county commissioner to its contingent for SEKMHC representation.

A project to build a new office and lease it to SEK was scuttled in the City of Linn Valley in Linn County recently, after council members grew concerned the salary controversy might end up impacting SEK's ability to fulfill a lease for the proposed prop-

Morgan seeks quiet title

(First published in the Anderson County Review on June 19, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

LEON J. MORGAN,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTY WOLKEN,
MARIANNA RUTLAND,
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY OF KANSAS

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants, the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership, and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anyway under legal disability,

Defendants.

Case No. AN2025CV00000005

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, 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

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You are hereby notified that a First Amended Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, on May 15th, 2025, by Leon J. Morgan, praying for an order quieting title in and to certain real estate with a legal description of, to-wit:

The West Sixty (60) feet of Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block forty-four (44) of the town of Greeley, Anderson County, Kansas.

You are hereby required to plead or answer said First Amended Petition to Quiet Title on or before July 30th, 2025, or forty-one (41) days after the date this notice is first published in the Anderson County District Court at Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered in due course upon said First Amended Petition.

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City changes zoning, in O/I District

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repealing definition as same presently exists.

CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4275

On June 24, 2025, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4275 amending Ordinance #3059, in part, specifically to amend a part of Article V of said ordinance by expanding the definition of the Office-Institution (O-I) District, to allow single-family and two-family residences in said district;

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at www.garnettks.net (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

This summary is certified by Terry J. Solander, City Attorney, in compliance with K.S.A. 12-3007.
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Colt Energy injection permit amendment

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, July 3, 2025)

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION:

Colt Energy, Inc. Application to Amend Enhanced Recovery Permit E-27,502 for the Thomas C #5 Project, acreage located in the SW/4, NE/4 & SE/4 minus tract SE/4 of Sec. 24-T23S-R19E, all of Sec. 19-T23S-R20E & N/2 of Sec. 30-T23S-R20E, within Allen County, Kansas. To: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners and all persons whosoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Colt Energy, Inc. has filed an application to amend the Enhanced Recovery Permit E-27,502 for the above referenced project area by adding Holt 15-I; located 2345' FNL & 1503' FWL, within Section 19-23S-20E, to request injection of water into the Squirrel Formation from 640' to 670' with a maximum operating pressure of 500 PSI and a maximum

water injection rate of 50 barrels per day. Any persons who objects to or protests 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 30 days from the date of this publication.

These protests shall be filed pursuant to 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. If no protests are received, this application may be granted through a summary proceeding. If valid protests are received, this matter will be set for a hearing.

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

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Thursday July 10th, entry day

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM entering of exhibits
1:30 PM, judging begins for exhibits at community building
3:00 PM clinic/contest youth live-stock judging
6:00 PM Thursday athletic events for various age groups: penny pitch, ball throw, soccer kick, balloon race, hula hoop pass, beanbag toss, tug of war.
7:00 PM Cowboy Olympics, open to all
7:00 PM cornhole tournament.

Friday July 11th

8:00 AM judging of swine and rabbit judging, showmanship
5:00 PM judging of sheep and goats
5:00 PM poultry judging and showmanship
6:00 PM athletic events: turtle race, frog jumping contest, tennis ball throw, jump rope contest, Frisbee throw, football kick, small fry race three wheel, pie eating all ages, woman's nail driving, men's nail driving, egg toss, hey ball rolling 16 and over, various age groups.
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Saturday July 12th

8:30 AM judging of dairy and beef cattle
10 AM old tractor and other machinery show
10 AM old car show
3:00 PM coin toss sponsored by Goppert State Service Bank
4:00 PM athletic events, one leg hop race, balloon toss, women's ball throw, men's ball throw, senior ball throw (donated by Lester Wuertz), foot races, ladies shoe kick, balloon toss parent child teams, hula hoop pass parent child teams, balloon toss men and women.
4:00 PM Princeton Goal Busters 4H ice cream sale
4:00 PM pie contest
5:15 PM judging of decorated bicycles, etc.
6:00 PM grand parade, theme: Richmond Free Fair – A Family Tradition
7:00 PM entries released and free water-melon feed by TT&T
7:15 PM Central Heights drill team and cheerleaders
7:30 PM pie contest winners announced and pies auctioned
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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends. — We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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