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Arsonist faces sentencing as flock rebuilds church

“No Contest” pleas will carry youth to sentencing in district court Tuesday

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY - A 17 year-old man from Colony who pled no contest last month to felony arson and misdemeanor battery will be sentenced Tuesday in Anderson County District Court.

While Kaiden Robb's legal demands came to fruition, members of Colony's Community Church have been rebuilding what he destroyed.

Robb pled “no contest” to juvenile charges of arson in an incident that resulted in the destruction of the Colony Community Church the day after Christmas

last year. He originally faced an additional charge of aggravated domestic battery in a related incident with a family member, but that charge was reduced to misdemeanor battery.

Under Kansas law, a plea of “no contest” or “nolo contendere” avoids a specific admittance of guilt but is a concession to the sentence of the court on the charges. The result is the same as a guilty plea - the court will enter a conviction and the defendant will face the same criminal penalties, fines and sentencing. A no contest plea



Robb

generally cannot be used as an admission of fault in a separate civil lawsuit stemming from the same incident.

Robb became involved in a domestic dispute with his grandparents December 26 of last year, according to charging documents threatening one of them with a knife before being found later in the smoke-filled church in Colony.

A statement from Anderson County Emergency Preparedness said Robb was retrieved from the church by a responding sheriff's deputy who then called in the fire. Responding firefighters brought the blaze under control, but it reignited over night and claimed the remainder of the structure. Sentiments among those who grew up in the community and



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 10-16-2025 / COLONY MARSHAL'S OFFICE Destroyed by arson last December, the new Colony Community Church has been under construction since earlier this year.

in the church are heartbroken, according to posts on the church Facebook page.

“Heartbroken here in

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Central Heights voters to choose yea/nay on \$15.35 million bond issue

Most of project would go toward Vo Ag center aimed at job training

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - Voters in Central Heights USD 288 will vote in November on a bond issue question that will determine the outcome of a proposed \$15.35 million facility investment heavily focused on developing vo-ag and childhood development opportunities for the district of some 580 students.

The district finished the last of five informational meetings on the topic last night held around the district since October 1. Superintendent Nathan Hinrichs said the meetings for the 10.823 mill increase issue had drawn a few dozen attendees, with general questions about the pre-K plan, security and others. A post on the

district's Facebook page says 63% of Central Heights students participate in the district's vo-ag program.

“Interest in these programs continues to grow, and we want to be able to meet the demand for students to get the up-to-date, hands-on education they need for real-world jobs,” the post reads. The message says the proposed bond plan would put all the district's vo-ag programs together for more efficiencies and allow growth and program improvement aimed at meeting the needs of students heading into the modern workforce.

Like most other Kansas schools, Central Heights students have struggled with academic performance in recent years on Kansas Department of Education assessment scores. Both the high school and elementary school presently score

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Above, sports cars line up in a breezy but beautiful day for a heat in the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. At right, Daryl Patton of Garnett, and granddaughter Abi McCaddin of Ozark, Missouri, celebrated their shared birthday (October 13th) by driving Daryl's Pontiac Solstice in the recent Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. Daryl turned 70 and Abi celebrated her 21st birthday.



USD 365 board members could budget better, analyst says

Budget padding over time creates chance to lower property tax

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A state fiscal policy think tank caught wind of a recent Anderson County Review story about a near 20% budget increase in USD 365 for the coming school year, and offered up examples of how board members and other elected officials often miss opportunities to reduce property taxes.

Dave Trabert with the Kansas Policy Institute said the recent local district story included defaults by which school board frequently raise taxes year over

year without necessarily needing to. His analysis was part of a recent story in The Sentinel, a Kansas news services focusing on fiscal policy owned by KPI.

“Government entities are prohibited from spending more than the budget they publish, so they routinely budget more than they will actually spend to stay under their limit,” Trabert said. “A little wiggle room may be understandable, but too much can lead to unnecessary property tax increases.”

He said the print-only arti-

Garnett Total Spending, Cash Reserves, and Property Tax Less Debt					
Year	Budget	Actual	Excess Budget	Cash Reserves	Property Tax
2021	\$ 16,781,173	\$ 14,025,679	\$ 2,755,494	\$ 4,165,119	\$ 2,166,516
2022	\$ 16,910,931	\$ 13,665,025	\$ 3,245,906	\$ 4,928,572	\$ 2,230,840
2023	\$ 17,560,619	\$ 14,630,285	\$ 2,930,334	\$ 5,019,265	\$ 2,230,831
2024	\$ 18,591,979	\$ 15,040,239	\$ 3,551,740	\$ 5,171,807	\$ 2,532,533
2025	\$ 18,458,028	\$ 15,294,547	\$ 3,163,481	\$ 5,363,185	\$ 2,733,147
2026	\$ 19,379,233				

Source: USD 365 budgets; property tax excludes 20 mills mandated by state law

cle in the Anderson County Review found an example of that with the USD 365 Garnett school district. The table below shows the district's budgets for all spending except for debt payments over the last five years exceeded actual spending by about \$3 million per year, or 22% above actual spend-

ing. Each year, the excess budget amount exceeded property taxes collected for the Local Option Budget and Capital Outlay.

Trabert said the Garnett School District could have reduced property taxes with better budgeting.

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She says she is, but is she?

Dauids votes against funding bill, then laments over government shutdown

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Kansas Third District Congresswoman Sharice Dauids says she's doing everything she can to end the “Schumer Shutdown,” of the federal government, but as of our press time Wednesday neither her office nor extensive Internet searches had produced evidence of letters or other documents she directed to Democrats in the U.S. Senate responsible for the current government funding blockade.

“Families shouldn't pay the price for dysfunction - I'm working to get the government open and Kansans



Dauids

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SEE DAUIDS ON PAGE 16



Newspaper launches 2025 Toys For Tots campaign

GARNETT - The offices of the Anderson County Review will once again serve as the local headquarters for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for kids in need this Christmas season. Review publish-

er Dane Hicks credited the generosity of the community with continuing the local tradition of giving through the annual program. Hicks said the local effort was started by a Marine veteran serving on the Garnett Police Department more than 20 years ago. That effort fell by the wayside when that officer left the community for another job. The Review picked up the duty several years

later, Hicks said.

“It's always been driven by people and businesses in the community who have the heart and the capacity to share during Christmastime,” Hicks said. “We're just the catalyst to talk it up and be a downtown face for those drop-offs.”

TFT began in 1947, when Major Bill Hendricks, a Marine reservist

NEWS IN BRIEF

VFW BREAKFAST
VFW Post 6397 will have breakfast Sunday, October 19, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

ROTARY PANCAKE FEED
The annual Rotary Pancake Feed for the Rotary is set to take place Tuesday, November 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and again that evening from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut in Garnett. \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK & MUSIC NIGHT
The Senior Center will be hosting a Potluck and Music Night on Saturday, October 25th. Meal at 5pm and the music, featuring the Odds and Ends Band, will begin at 6pm. There is no charge but if you wish to take part in the potluck, please bring a covered dish. Drinks and table service will be provided by the Senior Center.

VETERANS CLAIMS, BENEFITS EVENT SET
The Kansas Office of Veterans Services and Pittsburg State University will host an informational event for veterans and their families Friday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m.-noon, with general information on claim filing, application for VA health care, benefits information, survivor benefits, accessing the DD214, various veterans organizations, the PACT Act and toxic exposure and other veteran resources. The two-day event will be held at the PSU Student Recreation Center/National Guard at 2001 S. Rouse St. in Pittsburg.

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

VFW SETS CORNHOLE TOURNEYS THURSDAYS
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.advicemandaid.com.

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION OCTOBER 6, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on October 6, 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 amended.

4-H Week Proclamation
Jessica Flory and four 4-H students were present to present a proclamation. The Anderson County Commissioners proclaim October 6-11, 2025 as National 4-H week throughout Anderson County and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the proclamation. All voted yes.

Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation
A representative from Hope Unlimited was present. The Anderson County Commissioners proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Anderson County, Ks and urge all citizens to speak out against domestic violence, support survivors, and participate in activities and initiatives that promote safety, respect, and healing. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the proclamation. All voted yes.

Rural Fire
Cruz Gillespie, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. He would like to publish the county resolution 2021-11 requiring permit for burning in Anderson County, Kansas in the local newspaper for two weeks. The Commissioners approved to publish the resolution to make county residents aware of the rules surrounding burning in the county.

Road & Bridge
Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Commissioner McGhee inquired about the hay on Swank Park. Ethan informed him the bid letting did not happen in 2025 so the ground will need to be burned and they begin the bid process again in 2026. The bids will be for a three-year contract. Discussion was held on county roads and rock. The department has spent roughly \$1,000,000 on rock for 2025.

Treasurer
Ida McClelland, incoming Treasurer, met with the commission. She informed the commission the climate-controlled room for her permanent records is retaining humidity and molding the books. She is reaching out to a local heating and cooling tech to see about putting a humidifier in the room and cleaning the books.

Sheriff
Wes McClain, Sheriff, and Alex Cochrane, Undersheriff, met with the commission. They discussed wanting to purchase 6 more vehicles for the department. An option was presented to lease the vehicles for 6 years through a local bank. The Commissioners asked how many vehicles were necessary. Sheriff McClain stated he could get by with purchasing 3 vehicles at this time. Each vehicle will cost roughly \$70,000 fully equipped. The department has already purchased 2 new vehicles this year. Sheriff McClain will be getting information from more local banks on the interest rate and total payment and will return next week.

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

CITY OF GARNETT COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following individuals present, Mayor Mark Locke, City Commissioner Jody Cole, City Commissioner Nate Wiehl, City Manager Travis Wilson, City Clerk, Trish Brewer, City Attorney Terry Solander joined at 6:18. Citizens of Garnett: None

City Staff present: Donnie Dilley, Darin Wilson, Monica Hill, Jessica Mills, Kris Hix

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Locke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Invocation, Commissioner Nate Wiehl

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)

No public comment
GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Cole – Thanked Mr. Milliken and Dispatch for helping her and Mr. Cole Sunday.

Welcomed Anderw McAdam to the Police Department. She stated she would like to add Housing

and Paying Bills to the discussion items.

B. Commissioner Wiehl – No comments this evening

C. Mayor Locke – Thankful for the rain

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes for September 9, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

B. Approval of semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$351,250.86. Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Cole. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Consideration of TGT Application from Mundell's Pumpkin Patch

Commissioner Cole motioned to deny TGT application for Mundell's Pumpkin Patch. Second, by Commissioner Wiehl. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

STAFF UPDATES

A. Economic Development Director/Grant Writer Mills.

Director Mills presented her monthly overview of activities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Mauler Engineering Determinations -- 140 E 5th Avenue and 511 S Oak St.

Director Darin Wilson stated that Mauler Engineering determined that 140 E 5th should come down and 511 S Oak St is structurally sound. Mr. Wilson stated that he has been trying to get ahold of the owner to determine the future of this address.

B. Added – Paying of Utility Bills

The Commission discussed different options for the ordinance and requested written options to look at.

All agree that utility payments should be due on the 15th of the month or receive a late fee.

C. Added – Housing

Discussion on current issues. Commission asked the City Manager to contact the Housing Board to see if they will attend the next meeting.

D. Added -- November 11th

City Manager, Wilson asked with November 11th being the first Tuesday of the month would the Commission like the change to Monday or meet on Tuesday. Will decide next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. The Garnett Farmers' Market Season, hosted by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, will

be held every Thursday on Main Street May 1st – October 2nd from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

B. The Concerts in the Park Series, hosted by Morning Mingle, will be held every Thursday in September at Donna Harris Park.

C. The Kincaid Fair, hosted by the Kincaid Fair Board, will be held on September 25th-27th.

D. Cornstock Concert on the Hill, Host by Anderson County Corn Festival, will be held on September 27th.

E. The Antique Engine & Tractor Show, hosted by The Anderson County Flywheelers, will be held at Lake Garnett Park on October 3rd-4th.

F. The 12th Annual Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, hosted by the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, will be held at Lake Garnett, the Airport and Downtown Square October 10th-12th.

G. City wide Fall Brush Cleanup will be the week of October 20th – 24th.

H. The Ultra Races 50/100, hosted by Outlaw 100, will be held on October 25th-26th.

I. Light the Night Trunk-or-Trest, hosted by The First Christian Church, will be held at the First Christian Church at 2nd & Walnut, on October 31st.

J. City wide Fall Cleanup (no brush) will be held the week of November 3rd – 7th.

K. Garnett Rotary Club Pancake Feed to be held November 4th from 11:00am – 1:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)

**Je'nelle Klehammer – Inquired of who to call regarding no call backs from Housing. She has a friend trying to get in. Commission stated the Housing Board.

** Young Mack – Commented on how bad the sidewalks are in front of businesses. Expressing his appreciation and efforts of Jessica Mills and stated she is doing a great job.

DOCUMENT SIGNING

Signing of documents approved during the commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Locke motioned to recess into Executive Session to discuss Trade Secrets pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) for 5 minutes, starting at 6:39pm with the

following present: Commission, City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Solander, and Eco Dev Director Mills. Regular session to resume at 6:44pm.

Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed AYE (3) NAY (0)

6:44pm

Mayor Locke motioned to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Commissioner Wiehle seconded the motion. Motion passed AYE (3) NAY (0)

Mayor Locke called the regular session back to order at 6:40pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before The Governing Body, Commissioner Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

John E Sutton and Janet S Mims to Monty Clair Meusch Trustee, Kathleen Ann Johansen Meusch Trustee and Meusch Family Revocable Living Trust Dated 8-20-2013: E2 se4 17-23-20.

Randall S Stinnett and Vicki Stinnett to Kevin Nilges and Kacie D Nilges: Lots 18, 19 & 20 blk 14 City of Kincaid.

Hilary M Woolridge, Hilary M Foltz F/K/A, Hilary Marie Foltz F/K/A and Matthew T Woolridge to Hilary M Woolridge and Matthew T Woolridge: Lots 3, 4 & 5 blk 40 City of Greeley.

James P Hoffman and James Philip Hoffman A/K/A to Max Morris Calliham: S2 sw4 12-21-19.

Susan Owens and Susan J Owens A/K/A to Denise L Pickett: W2 lot 11 & all lot 12 blk 29 City of Garnett.

Trenton L Smedley and Maci L Smedley to Allan Ray Engle and Carol Mary Engle: All lots 2 & 3 less south 30' lot 2 blk 1 Chapin's Addition to City of Garnett.

Rebecca D Teter to Justin Metcalfe and Crystal Metcalfe: W2 lot 7 & all lot 8 blk 2 City of Garnett.

Eric M Tastove and Jaime L Tastove to Tiffanee A Brown: North 20' lot 3 & all lots 4 & 5 blk 4 Parkview Addition to the City of Garnett.

Roger W Culler to Roger W Culler, Jonathan Wayne Culler

and Marie Mae McCullough: Lot 6 blk 25 City of Colony.

Harold L Gilbreth Jr and Katie R Gilbreth to Thomas Wiseman: West 20 acres of N2 ne4 33-22-21.

Donald Palmer and Mary Palmer to Clint Palmer: Beginning at a point 70 feet west of the ne corner of lot 9 in block 48 in the City of Greeley, thence west 25 feet, thence south to the south line of lot 10, thence east 25 feet, thence north to the pob. including 1/2 interest in the party wall on the east and the land on which it stands, all in lots 9 and 10, block 48 in the City of Greeley.

Devin A Katzer and Samantha J Katzer to Devin A Katzer and Samatna J Katzer: Lot 2 in block 44 in the City of Garnett.

Kimball B Bryan and Donna Bryan to Hosty Rental LLC: Lot 4 & west 27' lot 5 blk 7 Bailey's Orchard Park addition (rev 1978) to City of Garnett, less: south 14' lot 4 & south 14' of west 27' lot 5 blk 7 Bailey's Orchard Park addition (rev 1978) to City of Garnett.

Robert Ball and Sarah Jane Ball to Robert Ball and Sarah Jane Ball: Se4 se4 28-21-19.

Devin M Davidson and Tiffany Ann Jackman Davidson to Okim Story: Tract 1: Beg at swcor lot 3, thence east 37 1/2', thence north 140', thence west 37 1/2', thence south 140' to pob; also lots 4, 5 & 6 blk 47 except 50' off north end of lots 5 & 6 in Town of Colony; & tract 2: Bounded by a line com at nwcor lot 6 blk 47 and running thence south 40' on east side of maple street, thence east 100', thence north on east side of lot 9, 40' to fourth street, thence west 100' to pob; being 40' of north end of lots 5 & 6 blk 47 town of divide (now called Colony), according to recorded plat of said town; & south 10' of north 50' lots 5 & 6 blk 47 City of Colony.

Richard Cerruti to Richard Cerruti and Brandon T Cerruti: Lots 1, 2 & 3 blk 2 Pinegar's First Addition to City of Colony.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On September 21, a vehicle driven by Kendra Capri Weatherman, Colony, was traveling south on SW Kentucky Road 0.5 miles north of SW 100 Road when her vehicle struck a deer.

On October 4, a vehicle driven by Obree Mae Barnes, Garnett,

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COOPER

MARCH 21, 1933 — OCTOBER 6, 2025

Frances Dean (Miller) Cooper, entered eternity on October 6, 2025 in Olathe, Kansas.

A graveside service was held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Welda Cemetery.

HERMRECK

FEBRUARY 10, 1955 — OCTOBER 12, 2025

Edward W. Hermreck, age 70, of Greeley, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Baldwin Healthcare and Rehab in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Greeley, Kansas.

Colony Christian Church - Guest speaker shares message

Brinley McGhee led worship singing "Amazing Grace," "Revelation Song," and "Jesus Paid It All."

Howard Reiter used 1 John 4:7-21 for communion meditation. We love God because He first loved us. You must also love your brother, because if you don't love your brother whom you can see, how can you love God whom you

can't see?

We had guest speaker Paul Milliken from Joplin, Mo., taking a sermon from Luke 8:22-25. There is never a time when the Lord is not in control. Jesus is the Lord of all. In this passage in Luke, Jesus calms the storm. If we will rely on Him instead of ourselves, He will calm us in the midst of a storm.

PSRT met Oct. 8th - Security system already proves its worth

Sixteen Prairie Spirit Rail Trail members met for their October 8, 2025, meeting at the country home of Dave and Ruth Theis.

John Malone announced that the new depot security system was fully installed and working. Vandalism had already been caught at the depot.

Plans for golf cart rides in 2026 were discussed.

The trail group will decorate Harris Park at 1:00 p.m. on November 12, 2025. Members will hold their monthly meeting at the depot following the decorating that day.

After the meeting adjourned, members enjoyed a picnic and visited by the bonfire.

VOTE...

FROM PAGE 1

an overall "C" average in general performance on Math, English and Language Arts scoring according to an analysis of those state assessments by the Kansas Policy Institute. CHHS rebounded last year from a "D" average score of 1.06 on a 4.0 scale to 1.6 in 2023-2024, but it scored 1.75 for the school year 2020-2021. The district's elementary school has been a more consistent "C" performer scoring 2.20 against /4.0 in the latest grading, up from 1.5 last year, but down slightly from 2.25 in 2020-2021. The elementary school also leads the high school in grade level proficiency in Math and ELA. Local statistics com-

pared by "Neighborhood Scout" real estate data review, some 47-58 percent of students in Central Heights qualify for free or reduced school lunches. About 22 percent of families with children in the district are estimated to be living in poverty. The median family income in the area is a little over \$58,000.

Also included in the \$15.35 million proposal are an early childhood center, safety and security improvements, a new gymnasium, new wrestling and locker room facilities, improvements to the district's track at the football stadium.

The election will be held Nov. 4.

You need to read this book!

Speaking Truth by Clint Decker

CLAY CENTER — George Washington, the first President of the United States, said about God's Word, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible." The legendary General Douglas MacArthur commented regarding the Scriptures, "Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed." Famous author H. G. Wells observed, "The Bible has been the Book that held together the fabric of Western civilization... The civilization we possess could not come into existence and could not have been sustained without it."

The first book printed on the Gutenberg press in 1455 was the Bible. Since then, it has become history's best-selling book. Over 100 million are printed each year with over 6 billion currently in print around the world. It also is the world's most widely translated and distributed book. Out of 7,394 languages spoken across all seven continents, 3,658 have either a full Bible or some portion of it.

It is without debate. The Bible has been and continues to be, the world's most influential book by every measure. And that is against all odds. There is some level of restriction on Bible use in 33 nations, like North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan. Historically and even presently, people have been jailed or killed for translating, printing, distributing, reading or even owning a Bible.

Why all this about the Bible? Because you need to read it! It is urgent. It will change your life, like it has millions of people down through the course of history. Here are seven reasons you need to start reading the Bible today.

The Bible reveals who your Creator is. "I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens..." (Isaiah 45:12) You did not come from a tadpole or a big bang. You were hand crafted by Almighty God. The Bible helps you to know who you are and who God and His only Son is.

The Bible answers your greatest questions. "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13) The Bible answers questions like, "What is my purpose in life?", "Is there life after death?", "Why is

there so much suffering and evil in the world?" and many more.

The Bible uncovers your supreme struggle. "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person." (Matthew 15:19-20) The Bible teaches how you have a heart problem, and it shows how you can get a new heart through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Bible teaches you how to live. "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16) The Bible teaches about marriage, family, relationships, conflicts, justice, finances, government, confronting evil, doing good to our neighbors and a wide range of other subjects.

The Bible is reliable. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..." (2 Timothy 3:16) When you open the Bible, you can trust it. It does not lie.

The Bible is your source of truth. "The sum of your word is truth..." (Psalm 119:160) God's Word tells us what is right and wrong and good and evil. There are no guessing games when it comes to morals. God's Word lays it out straight.

The Bible is your source of hope. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13) When you read the Bible and discover your Creator, find answers to big questions, receive forgiveness for your sins, learn how to live in difficult circumstances and encounter what is true and good — it inspires hope.

A prayer for you — Lord God, I pray you will bring people to read their Bible today. May they open its pages and discover the abundant riches of your grace and truth you have waiting for them. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Clint Decker is President of Great Awakenings. Please share your comment at cdecker@greatawakenings.org and follow his blog at clintdecker.blogspot.com.

Help my unbelief!

In Mark 9 we read the account of a boy who has very serious seizures. The father tells Jesus the boy is possessed with an evil spirit. Judging from the father's demeanor, it appears he has tried without success to find some help to heal the boy. When the disciples were not able to heal the boy, the man placed what faith he had left in Jesus. After explaining the situation to Jesus, the man says, "But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." Jesus' response is, "If you can? Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me to overcome my unbelief!"

The dominant theme in this passage is faith and doubt. Jesus says to the man, "What do you mean, if I can?" The man is not sure that Jesus can heal the boy. He has faced so many disappointments, and as human beings, we allow disappointment to overcome our faith. Disappointment maintains a place in our thoughts, and it weighs very heavily upon us when we get pushed into a corner. When the man says, "Help me to overcome

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

my unbelief," in essence he says, my faith is far from perfect; I may not have enough faith. If my faith is not enough, please help me to have enough.

It is the acknowledgment of our inadequacy that allows God to work in our lives. This is true at the point of salvation. Salvation comes to inadequate sinners who realize their need and ask for forgiveness. When we are faced with something that seems to overpower our faith, we don't seem to have enough faith to follow Jesus in that moment, so we ask for more faith. The statement, "I believe; help my unbelief," is a statement of faith and an admission that our faith is far from perfect.

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Peace in the Middle East: Not bad for a former McDonalds worker

President Donald Trump, who worked a shift at a McDonald's restaurant in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, while on the campaign trail in 2024, negotiated a groundbreaking, historic, and much-needed peace deal between Israel and the terrorist group Hamas. The ceasefire will hopefully halt the brutal war in Gaza that has lasted more than two years, resulting in thousands of casualties.

What, like it was hard? It was quite difficult, actually. Trump succeeded where many diplomats, government officials, international leaders, scholars, geopolitical experts, Democrats, and Biden administration officials failed.

The erstwhile fast food employee negotiated an agreement that secured the release of hostages living under Hamas captivity, ended military operations in Gaza, and restored aid trucks to the innocent people Hamas was exploiting to advance its efforts. Nearly a year after serving Big Macs, milkshakes, and french fries to suburban Philadelphians, Trump defied the expectations of political rivals, naysayers, critics, media members, journalists, podcast hosts, social media influencers, those on the Left, and even some on the Right who publicly prayed for peace but secretly wished he faltered.

Trump took to social media on Wednesday evening to announce that "Israel and Hamas have both signed off on the first Phase of our Peace Plan." He hailed it as the first step to "everlasting peace" and a "great day," rightfully so.

"I am very proud to announce that Israel and Hamas have both signed off on the first Phase of our Peace Plan," Trump posted to his Truth Social account. "This means that ALL of the Hostages will be released very soon, and Israel will withdraw their Troops to an agreed upon line as the first steps toward a Strong, Durable, and Everlasting Peace."

"All Parties will be treated fairly!" he added. "This is a GREAT Day for the Arab



CHRIS TREMOGLIE, WASHINGTON EXAMINER

and Muslim World, Israel, all surrounding Nations, and the United States of America, and we thank the mediators from Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey, who worked with us to make this Historic and Unprecedented Event happen. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS!"

Trump left McDonald's in October 2024 to become president. Negotiating geopolitical agreements, ceasefires, and Middle East conflicts are part of the expectations for the new gig. Yet accomplishing such feats is far from easy. Suffice it to say, dealing with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's desire to defend his country from Hamas is obviously much more difficult than flipping burgers. Nevertheless, Trump deserves significant credit for putting this deal together.

It's a startling reality that many of Trump's critics had to admit. Consider the words of Washington Post columnist and editor David Ignatius, who appeared on MSNBC's Morning Joe to discuss the peace deal.

"The deal that President Trump is announcing, played a key part in negotiating, is a significant change," Ignatius said. "This war was blocked for two years. President Biden, who preceded him, was unable to find a way to stop it. President Trump found that way by being tough on both sides."

Not bad for a former fry slinger. ###



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If we would quit judging people based on whether they're Democrat or Republican, this world would be a better place. Thank you.

Last week's review listed the quote "theme of 4H," showing the takeover by radical left Democrat activists. It calls not for equality, but Marxist "equity," meaning discrimination for the same outcomes. It calls for "power of public universities," which are radical left-dominated indoctrination camps and power bases. It calls

for a "safe, diverse, and inclusive environment," which is a radical left Democrat dog whistle to exclude those with traditional religious values.

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We keep putting sports figures up there with God, and rappers and dancers on the things that aren't really what it's about in our world. If we put them above God and above everybody else, no wonder we're so messed up. There is nobody in this world that is better than someone else. We all are created even.

Why are there no law enforcement agencies

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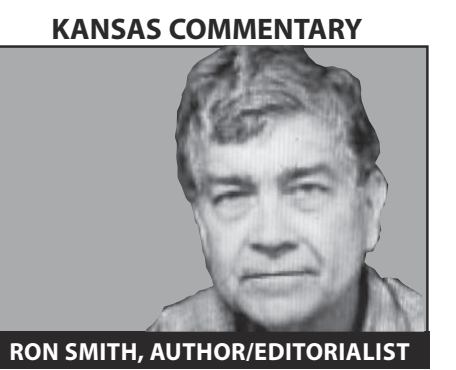
Cult of the tattoo: America's inking plague

The cult of the tattoo has spread across America like oil dripping on garage floors, impossible to scrub clean no matter how many magic solvents are used.

What used to be the artistic realm of bikers, convicts, and a few sailors has been gentrified into a pan-gender hobby, a mass-market pastime in elective scarring. Parents have a hard time saying "no" to a child wanting a tat when Mom and Dad met at the tattoo parlor. You don't even need to leave the couch—just fire up YouTube. Within minutes you'll find some suburban Aztec wannabe ramming metal through a nose, tongue, eyebrow, or nipples, convinced the reinvented 14th-century savagery is showing off 21st-century originality.

Artist At Large Tattoo/New York City And don't ask about tattoos and piercings of the male and female "private parts," although it is out there and a few of our demented subculture spend a lot of time telling their doctors all about it. Google your hearts out on this topic.

Tattoos go back a few years. Since 5,000 B.C., they have been part of different societies on different levels. Millennials and Gen Z are the two most inked of current generations. According to the Statista Research Department, in 2021, 41% of millennials and 23% of Gen Z have at least one tattoo. Some employers—including the U.S. Army—have limits on excessive tattooing, and high-profile figures like former Defense



RON SMITH, AUTHOR/EDITORIALIST

Secretary nominee Pete Hegseth have faced scrutiny over their ink. Combine that with the very real phenomenon of tattoo regret, and it's no surprise an entire industry has emerged around tattoo removal. Removal folks brag the process is less painful than getting the tattoo in the first place. Unnhuh.

The modern proliferation of tattoos, now a multibillion-dollar industry, largely began in the 1990s. Tattooed celebrities, musicians and athletes helped normalize tattoos as a form of personal expression. The media glamorized tattoos as a sign of freedom, then the media dummkopfs pivoted to shaming anyone who dared question the trend. Tattoos began being viewed less as a mark of a fringe subculture and more as an art form and fashion statement. Some celebs like Taylor Swift call the fad quirky. She has no tats. Taylor's fiancé, KC Chief's

tight end Travis Kelce, has Taylor tatted on his bicep, the same bicep that bulldozes Chiefs' opponents after he catches a pass. True love.

Then there are the whispers about horrid hidden messages etched into flesh. The progressive choir, (those wide-eyed Democrats who torched \$1.5 billion trying to sell Kamala Harris to us like a 1934 Buick on a new car lot) insist that Pete Hegseth's arm and chest tattoos are emblems of Christian Nationalism, or at least the inevitable weary chorus, White Supremacy. I'm sure some claim his tats are occult blueprints for the Fourth Reich.

U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth Hegseth's critics need stronger meds, or at least a Wehrmacht helmet.

Boxer Mike Tyson had a tribal design tattooed on his face to reflect strength and authority and nobody tells him he favors White Supremacy. Not to his face, they don't.

Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman, in his earlier political life as a town mayor, had an arm tattoo declaring, "I Will Make You Hurt. Fetterman looks like a former biker and could probably wear his biker leathers onto the Senate floor. He's big enough the Senate doormen won't stop him. But he covered over the tat when he became Senator.

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Hegseth's right: We don't need fat, sloppy soldiers

Doesn't Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth realize that push-ups are passe? His speech to an audience of generals he'd summoned to Washington, D.C., has mystified and outraged critics who think his obsession with physical fitness is out-of-date at best and ridiculous at worst.

"Frankly, it's tiring to look out at combat formations, or really any formation, and see fat troops," Hegseth told the assembled brass. "Likewise, it's completely unacceptable to see fat generals and admirals in the halls of the Pentagon."

"Today, at my direction, every member of the joint force, at every rank, is required to take a PT test twice a year, as well as meet height and weight requirements twice a year, every year of service," he continued.

Cue the eye-rolling. A piece in The Atlantic observed that Hegseth's "dream world is the world of Ranger school" -- an Army training program -- "not the actual world of complex military operations involving land, air, sea, space and cyberspace."

He was accused of fat-shaming, and the ladies on "The View" didn't get it. Joy Behar called him out for "his very retro vision for our armed forces," and asked, "Why is he obsessed with fat?" Her colleague Sunny Hostin chimed in, "Yeah, and fitness?"

There's no doubt that physical fitness



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

is very personal to Hegseth, who said the day of his confirmation hearing that he'd done five sets of 47 push-ups that morning. "If the secretary of war can do regular, hard PT, so can every member of our joint force," he told the generals.

But you know who'd agree with him about the centrality of fitness to the military profession? The great 20th-century statesman George C. Marshall. In a 1920 letter, Marshall called being "physically strong" one of the foundations of the military profession. As he said of military leaders in 1940 congressional testimony, they have to inspire their men "when they are hungry and exhausted and desperately uncomfortable and in great danger," and "only a man of positive characteristics of leadership, with the physical stamina that goes with it, can finish

under those conditions."

Needless to say, combat is an inherently physical activity. It requires incredible exertion for long stretches of time under great stress. It is necessary to carry heavy objects -- a wounded comrade, artillery shells -- in the worst conditions imaginable. The age of AI and drones hasn't changed this ineluctable fact of human existence.

It's simply a fact that, as any platoon leader will tell you, out-of-shape infantrymen aren't as good at their jobs.

The emphasis on fitness is especially important when the recruiting pool, reflecting an American society where 40% of people are obese, is in poorer shape than it used to be.

And troops do notice and resent it when they are meeting height and weight standards and their comrades aren't, or when their superiors are out of shape. If the colonel who is enforcing disciplinary matters is fat, it is corrosive of his credibility.

Physical fitness standards were dumb-ed down over the years, and for DEI reasons. The Army had been developing a fitness test that was supposed to have gender-neutral standards. When it emerged, not surprisingly, that women weren't doing as well on the test, the Biden-era Army decided to gender-norm

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Stroke causes plans to change

I'M BACK! If you remember, in my last column I was leaving for an archaeological project near Great Bend, Ks. on the 29th of September.

Little did I know that wasn't going to happen. What did happen was on Sunday afternoon, the 28th, while sitting in my easy chair watching the Kansas City Chiefs, I had a stroke. Instead of going to Great Bend, I was streaking in an ambulance to St. Luke's on the Plaza. Loss of speech and no use of the right side of my body. After surgery, I spent a few days in ICU before I was transferred to the neuro ward.

On Friday, 3 October, I was transferred back home to the Anderson County Hospital for rehabilitation. On Saturday, 11 October, I was released to come home with several restrictions. Today, Monday the 13th, I began my first of several

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Physical Therapy sessions. So, slowly but surely I'm getting back to my old self. So far, I've gotten my speech and use of my right side. Now to gain all my strength back.

I still have a few photos of some artifacts found before all this happened.

I will share with you, and after that I will have to dream up other things to write about as no digging for a while.

I'M BACK!!

Respectfully Submitted by:
13Oct2025 - Henry Roekers

120 years ago: City to dig more wells to increase low supply of gas

THAT WAS THEN



PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST

Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

1895 - 130 years ago

October 18 - Mr. Hannum the undertaker informs us that he has secured the services of Mrs. Adie Bowman to assist him in the taking care and burial of women and children. He feels confident that she will give satisfaction as she is a graduate from a school of trained nurses in Chicago, as well as taking many courses of lectures in surgery and embalming.

1905 - 120 years ago

October 18 - A case of typhoid fever is reported at the home of Mr. Carrier, the butcher.

October 19 - Those who have been away from Garnett for years and returned are surprised at the growth of the trees. Twenty years ago, there was little or no shade. Now our streets are lined with large, beautiful forest trees. It is a thing to be proud of.

October 20 - The gas is very low at present, but we are informed that the gas company will begin to dig trenches tomorrow for a line of pipe to the new wells northeast of town. If the weather is good, it will take three or four weeks to reach the new wells. If the weather is bad, it will take longer. However, these new wells are strong ones, and as soon as they can be "hooked on," Garnett will have plenty of Gas. In the meantime, the people will have to burn a little coal or wood, along with the gas in order to keep warm.

1925 - 100 years ago

October 22 - The German Baptists (sometimes called Dunkards) will hold two days' meeting at the Bethel church, in Reeder township-tomorrow and Saturday. This is their annual love feast, and people come from near and far for the discussion of matters spiritual, renew acquaintance and enjoy a good time together. The German Baptist organization is composed of a class of people who are upright, honorable and trustworthy and are highly esteemed by everyone who has dealing with them.

1935 - 90 years ago

October 17 - Free immunization of about 600 of Anderson county's younger children to save them from the danger of diphtheria will begin next Monday at eleven strategic points. Through arrangements made by the county commissioners, all children under ten may receive the treatments without charge. Those over that age may receive treatment for \$1.

October 17 - Huntsmen from three states will gather for a three-day encampment starting next Tuesday when the gather on the George Manlove farm six miles south and one-half mile east of Garnett, to enjoy the thrills of the wolf chase and participate in other campfire sports. Bringing their blue-blooded dogs with them, members of the Tri-State Hunters Association pitched tents on the open prairie, ready to run down whatever elusive coyotes the dogs may be able to round up, swap yarns around the campfire and listen to old-time music.

1965 - 60 years ago

October 18 - Delphian Lodge of Garnett, now one of 40 Masonic lodges over Kansas to have marked its centennial year shares a rich history in Masonry. The message of Masonry 100 years ago is still the message. Masonry builds a temple in the hearts of men. With these thoughts, Kansas Grand Master



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Circa October 2005 - Weldon Goodell has been up close and personal at Crest football games for 40 years, working on the chain gang for all but two games in that period.

Owen E. Hodgson congratulated Garnett Masons in an observance of their first hundred years at the Masonic Hall here Friday evening. Hodgson's remarks concluded a banquet-program in which several Garnett Masons were honored, the history of the lodge recalled, and presentations made to the Grand Lodge of the state. Hodgson told the group-about 160 Masons, their wives, and guests-"The tenets of Masonry stress brotherly love. That is the backbone of Masonry."

1995 - 30 years ago

October 16 - A fire in a mainframe computer at the Anderson County District Court Office knocked out computer services at the court offices Friday afternoon. Damage was contained to the computer hardware itself, and no fire damage resulted in the surrounding office. District court staff said Friday flames erupted from the back of the mainframe system shortly before noon on Friday. The damage left the court without computer service the rest of the day.

SENTENCE...

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California," said Heather Bell-Franklin of San Clemete, Calif., the daughter of Marie Martin Goodspeed. "That special church holds a very special place in my heart and always will. My mom and brother Paul loved that church and both found the Lord there," she said. "Praying for comfort for everyone and happy no one got hurt. Very, very sad day."

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN C. POSS, DECEASED

Case No. AN-2025-PR-000003

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of her acts, proceedings and accounts as Executor, allowance of attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 5th day of November, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in said Court, in the County Courthouse, in the city of Garnett, in said county and state, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon Petition.

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Notice of sale - public auction

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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 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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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 Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT ONE (1), IN BLOCK THREE(3), IN EVERGREEN MEADOW SUBDIVISION, TO THE CITY OF GARNETT, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No./Tax ID No. 1-00210730A. Commonly known as 18 Ivy Ter, Garnett, KS 66032 ("theProperty") MS 229689

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before November 26, 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.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC By: Dwayne A. Duncan, #27533 dduncan@msfirm.com 612 Spirit Dr. St. Louis, MO 63005 (636)537-0110 (636)537-0067(fax)

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF MS 229689.462074 KJFC

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

Notice of hearing - Peine Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, October 16, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH W. PEINE, Deceased

Case #AN-2025-PR- 000020

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition

has been filed in this court by Wilma G. Peine, an heir at law of the decedent, praying that descent of all property owned by decedent at the time of his death be determined; and that all Kansas real estate as may have been owned by decedent together with all personal property wheresoever situated owned by decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the Family Settlement Agreement filed in this case with said petition.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 6th day of November, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson

County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

WILMA G. PEINE Petitioner

Terry J. Solander #07280 503 S. Oak St. - P.O. Box 348 Garnett, KS 66032-0348 785-448-6131; FAX: 785-448-2475 solander@embarqmail.com Attorney for Petitioner

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Notice of foreclosure - Terrill

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, October 9, 2025.)

Millsap & Singer, LLC 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180 Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 339-9132 (913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

vs. Mike Terrill aka Michael D. Terrill, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Goppert State Service Bank, et al., Defendants

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000036 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 Nationstar Mortgage LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

THE EAST HALF (E/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION EIGHT (8), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) SOUTH, RANGE TWENTY-ONE (21) EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 203-08-0-00-00-002.00-0. Commonly known

as 17841 SE Wabaunsee Rd., Kincaid, KS 66039 ("the Property") MS 227787

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before November 19, 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.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC By:

Dwayne A. Duncan, #27533 dduncan@msfirm.com 612 Spirit Dr. St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 (636) 537-0067 (fax) ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF MS 227787.457396 KJFC

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For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Wesley McClain, Sheriff Anderson County, Kansas

Prepared By: SouthLaw, P.C. Linda Tarpley (KS #22357) 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 (913) 663-7899 (Fax) Attorneys for Plaintiff (252560)

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List of Personal Property tax warrants

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, October 9, 2025.)

List of 2024 Personal Property tax warrants returned to the County Treasurer, October 1, 2025 by the Sheriff unpaid. The following list and warrants were given to the Clerk of the District Court, October 1, 2025 by the Anderson County Treasurer.		
Warrant-3	ADVANCED MICROMAGNET 5773 WOODWAY DRIVE #305 HOUSTON TX 77057	\$ 70.39
Warrant-4	ADVANCED MICROMAGNET 5773 WOODWAY DRIVE #305 HOUSTON TX 77057	\$ 391.55
Warrant-5	ADVANCED MICROMAGNET 5773 WOODWAY DRIVE #305 HOUSTON TX 77057	\$ 95.15
Warrant-215	MICHAEL SHAWN ALEXANDER 17171 HONOR HWY INTERLOCHEN MI 49643-9669	\$ 188.23
Warrant-207	MICHAEL SHAWN ALEXANDER 17171 HONOR HWY INTERLOCHEN MI 49643-9669	\$ 323.50
Warrant-7	B'S CVF INC 24161 NW KENTUCKY RD GARNETT KS 66032-8291	\$ 84.08
Warrant-11	MIKE & RACHEAL BACHMAN 24036 SW 1180 RD GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 282.63
Warrant-12	FRANCES E BAILEY 905 W 7TH ST #113 GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 599.99
Warrant-15	KIRBY M & KIMBERLY BARNES 25628 NE 2180 RD GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 2,679.29
Warrant-16	KIRBY M & KIMBERLY BARNES 25628 NE 2180 RD GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 103.96
Warrant-21	WARREN BOSEK 902 E MONROE AVE GARNETT KS 66032-1823	\$ 105.28
Warrant-23	JAMES R & CHRISTINA D BREWER 401 N MARTINDADE RD KINCAID KS 66039-6248	\$ 73.66
Warrant-24	GEORGE ARLYN BRIGGS 12 N WASHINGTON AVE IOLA KS 66749-2836	\$ 1,099.30
Warrant-29	MARIE PALMER BUZBEE 4 CRESCENT BOULEVARD HUTCHINSON KS 67502-5541	\$ 64.69
Warrant-33	JEFF CHANDLER 1110 E 4TH TERRACE GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 201.40
Warrant-34	COAL CREEK ENERGY LLC 14208 NIEMAN ROAD OVERLAND PARK KS 66221	\$ 71.55
Warrant-38	TAMMY CROUCHER DRAKE HORNING 602 4TH AVE WESTPHALIA KS 66093	\$ 350.34
Warrant-39	JONATHAN WAYNE CULLER & DELAWANDA MARIE K 217 W 2ND ST COLONY KS 66015-7233	\$ 295.54
Warrant-44	JUDY A GARCIA 235 W 7TH AVE GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 92.79
Warrant-47	EARL T HANSON 8104 N EVERTON AVE GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 73.70
Warrant-53	HIS SOLUTION LLC 24869 SW 130 RD KINCAID KS 66039	\$ 128.10
Warrant-60	JEFF'S TOWNING & RECOVERY LLC 1110 E 4TH TERRACE GARNETT KS 66032-1935	\$ 3,462.08
Warrant-61	JEFF'S TOWNING & RECOVERY LLC 1110 E 4TH TERRACE GARNETT KS 66032-1935	\$ 410.29
Warrant-62	JAMES ROBERT JOHNSON 551 N OAK ST GARNETT KS 66032-1067	\$ 206.17
Warrant-65	KANSAS RIVER GANG % EMERY L PLATT 216 MAIN ST PRINCETON KS 66078-9159	\$ 245.49
Warrant-50	CAROL MARIE KISNER % CARIE HEPPLER 3405 HASKELL RD PRINCETON KS 66078	\$ 142.36
Warrant-75	LUCAS WAYNE LANKARD PO BOX 101 RICHMOND KS 66800	\$ 201.65
Warrant-76	LAVERY OIL LLC PO BOX 54806 OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73154	\$ 416.67
Warrant-148	DON JAMES LETRAS % TAMMY K VERNON - CONSERVATOR 11057 MANN RD WILTON CA 95693	\$ 62.22
Warrant-79	CRAIG ALAN LUEDKE 700 E MULBERRY ST COLONY KS 66015	\$ 214.50
Warrant-80	CRAIG ALAN LUEDKE 700 E MULBERRY ST COLONY KS 66015	\$ 92.79
Warrant-81	STANLEY E LUEDKE 1000 E MULBERRY ST COLONY KS 66015	\$ 111.68
Warrant-83	ALEXANDER MARTIN 30432 SE 1150 RD GARNETT KS 66032-1151	\$ 329.63
Warrant-85	GREGORY D MATSON 26 BRIARWOOD WAY BELMONT CA 94002-2560	\$ 67.38
Warrant-86	RAY MCCULLLEY 33545 NE 2100 RD WELLSVILLE KS 66033	\$ 241.73
Warrant-87	ELDON L MCGRAW PO BOX 591 GREELEY KS 66091-0591	\$ 185.02
Warrant-92	H KENNETH MILLER TRUSTEE 13538 SW OLD COLONY WELDA RD COLONY KS 66015	\$ 71.48
Warrant-93	H KENNETH MILLER TRUSTEE 13538 SW OLD COLONY WELDA RD COLONY KS 66015	\$ 92.79
Warrant-102	CHARLES J NORRIS 32188 87 HWY TROY AL 36079	\$ 117.18
Warrant-105	UNKNOWN OWNER 0000 00000	\$ 72.84
Warrant-106	PETRO-TECH OIL & GAS 410 17TH ST SUITE 1870 DENVER CO 80202	\$ 132.41
Warrant-109	LARRY REDMAN PO BOX 401 WELDA KS 66091	\$ 182.57
Warrant-115	CARL E ROGERS 102 SPRING ST SPAVINAW OK 74366	\$ 160.64
Warrant-116	VERNON L ROSS PO BOX 763 PLEASANTON KS 66075	\$ 66.25
Warrant-117	LINDA RUSSELL 5114 MCKINNEY AVE, APT 111 DALLAS TX 75205-3329	\$ 125.69
Warrant-118	LINDA RUSSELL 5114 MCKINNEY AVE, APT 111 DALLAS TX 75205-3329	\$ 308.46
Warrant-128	MICHAEL JOE SCOTT 820 W 7TH AVE GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 313.78
Warrant-132	DON SETTLEMAYER 11624 SW ARKANSAS RD NEOSHO FALLS KS 66758	\$ 1,474.89
Warrant-133	VERNON G & RUTH M SETTLEMAYER 11542 SW ARKANSAS RD NEOSHO FALLS KS 66758	\$ 96.40
Warrant-134	HENRY A SHERMAN MARY JANE SHERMAN UNKNOWN 00000	\$ 108.79
Warrant-138	DOUGLAS W SPRAGUE 22477 SW 200 RD COLONY KS 66015	\$ 115.78
Warrant-140	THOMAS B SPRAGUE 4756 CLAYTON ROAD #303 CONCORD CA 94519	\$ 62.22
Warrant-145	RANDALL S & VICKI L STINNETT 30216 SE HWY 31 KINCAID KS 66039	\$ 222.28
Warrant-120	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 122.98
Warrant-121	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 1,082.81
Warrant-122	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 167.01
Warrant-123	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 786.57
Warrant-124	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 453.43
Warrant-125	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 475.22
Warrant-126	TAILWATER INC % SAG OIL COMPANY LLC PO BOX 367 WELLSVILLE KS 66092	\$ 361.51
Warrant-149	REBECCA D TETER PO BOX 51 MOUND CITY KS 66056	\$ 73.84
Warrant-152	TRIUMPH ENERGY INC 3910 CYPRESS CREEKPKWY, #100 HOUSTON TX 77068	\$ 266.04
Warrant-153	DAN C TUTCHER 1 SHADDER WAY HOUSTON TX 77019	\$ 199.09
Warrant-154	JUSTIN WAGES 992 SICKLEBAR DR PECULIAR MO 64078	\$ 139.63
Warrant-155	ALISON WAITE WAITE MINERAL INTEREST REV UNKNOWN 00000	\$ 74.54
Warrant-177	WALTER WEEMS 1010 S WALNUT ST #7 GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 141.38
Warrant-158	DONALD F WERDER 515 WRIGHT CREEK RD TOLEDO OR 97391	\$ 85.72
Warrant-159	DONALD F WERDER 515 WRIGHT CREEK RD TOLEDO OR 97391	\$ 65.34
Warrant-162	BARRY M & JACQUELYN C WHITE 18816 SW HUMBOLDT RD WELDA KS 66091-3125	\$ 539.99
Warrant-164	BETHINE WIEDERHOLT 350 SOUTH 117TH EAST PLACE TULSA OK 74128	\$ 259.91
Warrant-167	CHARLES & MEGAN M WILSON 1303 S WALNUT GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 511.26
Warrant-169	LESTER P YODER 23975 NW 1980 RD GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 112.25
Warrant-178	STEVEN D YODER 356 HWY BB STEELVILLE MO 65565	\$ 179.61

TOTAL TAX, INTEREST & FEES TO OCT 15, 2025 \$23,592.36

24-25-001	BENTLEY, JEREMIAH NATHAN 237 KAW AVE GARNETT KS 66032-1035	\$ 72.00
24-25-002	BLAUFUSS, JOHN E OR MARILYN GAYE 12152 SW 1000 RD WESTPHALIA KS 66093-8114	\$ 72.00
24-25-007	CONLEY, JON M 11500 S RIDGEVIEW RD OLATHE KS 66061-6460	\$ 72.00
24-25-014	KERN, TRENT LEVI 303 N PRAIRIE GREELEY KS 66033-9409	\$ 72.00
24-25-016	MACKLIN, CHANCE DALTON 22313 N HWY 169 PO BOX 553 WELDA KS 66091-0553	\$ 72.00
24-25-021	MORRIS, AMANDA C OR WILLIAM G JR 701 E 1ST AVE GARNETT KS 66032	\$ 72.00
24-25-022	MORTELL, GREG WAYNE 418 W 3RD AVE GARNETT KS 66032-1308	\$ 84.00
24-25-023	MURPHY, RICHARD P JR OR PORTIA 10411 SE SCOTT RD KINCAID KS 66039	\$ 72.00
24-25-029	ROCKERS, BARRY I 22438 NW 2300TH RD RICHMOND KS 66080-8120	\$ 67.00
24-25-030	SEDLAK, DYLAN JOSEPH ARENSON 232 W 3RD AVE GARNETT KS 66032-1304	\$ 84.00
24-25-033	STINNETT, RANDAL SEAN OR VICKI L 30216 SE HWY 31 KINCAID KS 66039-4006	\$ 67.00
24-25-038	UMBARGER, MATTHEW ALAN 221 KAW AVE GARNETT KS 66032-1035	\$ 72.00

TOTAL ANTIQUE \$ 878.00

AMOUNTS INCLUDE Treas fee \$2, Absr \$2, Publish \$15, Judgement fee \$36, Interest to Oct 15, 2025 according to the Anderson County Treasurer's Office.

ANDERSON COUNTY TREASURER DENA McDANIEL I, Dena M McDaniel, Treasurer of the County of Anderson, Garnett, Kansas, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dena McDaniel

ANDERSON COUNTY CLERK JULIE WETTSTEIN I, Julie Wettstein, Anderson County Clerk, certify that the foregoing statement was subscribed and affirmed to before me on the 1st day of October, 2025.

Julie Wettstein



Public Notice

Preparation is key to a successful calving season

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University veterinarian Gregg Hanzlicek said being prepared ahead of the calving season is the best way for producers to assure they will bring home the newborn calves successfully.

"We're approaching the end of the second trimester and moving into the third trimester which means the metabolic demands of that cow or heifer are going to increase tremendously," Hanzlicek said.

A key to having a successful calving and production season is for cows and heifers to be in the appropriate

body condition, which according to Hanzlicek is a score of 5-7. He said he has seen many cattle in the 3-4 range in the past few months.

"We're far enough away from calving that we can add condition to these cows and heifers without (creating) an economic burden," he said. "It really comes down to having a formulated ration that is balanced for protein and energy."

For those wanting to add scour vaccines to their prevention program, "it's time to decide what vaccine they are going to use," Hanzlicek said. "Look at the label and

schedule on the calendar when they need to start vaccinating the cows and heifers."

Hanzlicek said heifers will require two doses of the scours vaccine, while cows need one. The timing of those vaccines is "very, very important," he said.

Also, Hanzlicek recommends establishing a clean calving area to help reduce the risk of scours. "There's two major risk factors for scours," he said. "One is the lack of colostrum consumption. The other is a contaminated environment that the babies are born into."

Hanzlicek recommends

having a location to move the pairs off the calving area to keep the calving facility less contaminated with the scour organisms.

Getting the calf here safely is another factor to consider, "Most operations are going to have to help at least one animal during the calving season," Hanzlicek said. The last national survey indicated that 1 of every 100 heifers and 2 of every 100 adult cows will need assistance.

Being prepared to pull a calf is important. Hanzlicek said producers should have the following items on hand:

- Clean straps or chains.
- OB sleeves.
- Lube.
- Working calf pullers.
- Veterinarian's phone number.

Intervening at an appropriate time is important. "If we intervene too early and the cow or heifer is not dilated, we can injure the tissues and hurt the calf," Hanzlicek said. "If we intervene too late, a lot of times that's when we end up with stillborn calves."

According to Hanzlicek, once a cow has reached the second stage of labor, they should give birth within 30 minutes. A heifer should calve within an

hour. Second stage labor is when the heifer or cow can be observed experiencing uterine contractions, or the water-bag or calf's feet are visible.

If assistance from the producer is needed, and they are unable to extract the calf within 15 minutes, then help — either a veterinarian or someone with more experience — should be called.

Following calving, the calf should be up and nursing within two hours, Hanzlicek said. If not, a colostrum replacer can be given to help get the calf started.

Cattle Chat: Managing cattle grazing cornstalks

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Many know the key to good health is eating a balanced diet, and in the case of cattle grazing cornstalks, their diet may need to be adjusted as the quality of the forage deteriorates, according to the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster encouraged producers to walk the fields periodically to assess the quality of the feed resource.

"When producers first turn out cattle on cornstalks, they should take note of the amount of leaves and husks available to the cattle to graze and then as the season goes on, they should continue to walk the fields to assess the quality of that feed resource and adjust accordingly," he said.

Lancaster said that if there is too much moisture in the field, the cornstalks will turn black on the ends and the cattle will appear more hungry.

"Cattle that are hungry will be reaching through the fence," Lancaster said.

Eventually, they will lose a body condition score, but Lancaster said that typically will take 1-2 months before it is noticeable to the producer.

To keep that from happening, Lancaster said the cattle need to be supplemented with protein when they are first turned out to graze the cornstalks. As the amount of corn residue declines, the herd may need additional supplementation.

"If the cornstalks are deteriorating, my next step is to start supplementing the cattle with hay," Lancaster said. "The key is to move the hay to different locations in the field by either rolling out the bales or moving where the bale is placed to keep the cattle from creating a spot that will have a lower yield because the ground is compacted."

He also urged producers to watch the amount of moisture the field is absorbing.

"If the cattle are sinking in 2-4 inches into the ground then producers should move the cattle to a dry lot," Lancaster said.

For those who are feeding supplemental hay, K-State veterinarian Bob Larson said it is important to know the quality

of the hay they are offering the cattle.

"There is a lot of variation in hay quality so it is important to assess the quality of the hay as a feed resource," Larson said. "Hay that is harvested late in the season will not be as high in quality as hay that is cut earlier in the summer."

He said if the hay fed to the herd was grown by the producer, they would likely have a good idea about the hay quality. But if the hay is purchased, it might be beneficial to conduct a forage test before feeding it to the herd.

Lancaster agreed with the forage test recommendation. He also said cattle will consume hay until they are full whether or not the hay is high quality, so it is important to take a look at the manure as well.

"If a producer notices manure piles that are dry and piled high, that is an indication that the cattle may not be getting enough nutrients from the hay and more protein should be added to the diet to help them better digest that hay," Lancaster said.

Cattle Chat: Caring for the bulls in the winter

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Many people know maintaining a healthy weight is one factor in an overall health plan, and weight maintenance is also important in the well-being of cattle, according to the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute experts who spoke on this topic on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

For spring-calving cow herds, oftentimes beef nutritionists are focused on maintaining the cows in an optimum body condition through gestation and into the calving season, said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson. But he stressed that it is also important to make sure the bulls are managed to maintain a healthy weight.

"In the winter, a bull's nutritional demands are similar to those of

a cow in mid-gestation," Larson said. "Poor quality forage alone will not meet his nutritional needs and so he may need to be given some protein supplement as well."

Along with maintaining the bull's weight, Larson recommends that producers manage them in a way that also protects their reproductive health from the winter weather.

"If bulls have had a rough winter, we may see scrotal frostbite and poor semen quality from those animals in the spring when we do their breeding soundness exams," Larson said.

To keep this from happening, Larson recommends producers offer the bulls protection from the wind, allow them access to dry bedding and keep them away from the mud.

For producers who are introducing new bulls into the herd this

winter, Larson said it is important to follow a biosecurity plan to reduce potential disease risk.

"I recommend producers quarantine all new animals for about 30 days so that they can watch for signs of illness during that time," Larson said. "Oftentimes if a disease is going to break, it will show up in that time."

He also offered one additional biosecurity tip. "It is also good to institute a vaccine program to make sure both the new cattle and the ones who have been in the herd for a while are following a similar health protocol," Larson said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to the Cattle Chat podcast online or through your preferred streaming platform.

RECORDS...

FROM PAGE 2

was traveling southbound on US 59 Highway approximately 0.6 miles south of 2350 Road when she struck a deer.

On October 5, a vehicle driven by Kylie Ann Marrali, Westphalia, was traveling westbound on 1600 Road when she struck a deer.

On October 6, a vehicle driven by Kaylah Lampe, Carlyle, was traveling on US 169 Highway near Kentucky Road when she struck a deer.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARREST FILED

On October 1, Shannon S Figgins was arrested for domestic battery.

On October 2, Braydon Matthew Lambert, was arrested for a DUI, liquor; purchase by minor, possession of certain drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia, possession or attempt to possess tobacco; <18 YOA and for not having vehicle registered.

On October 2, Trevor Michael Rogers, was arrested for driving while suspended; 2nd or subsequent conviction, fail to dim headlights, operate a vehicle with no registration, stop lamps and turn signals and vehicle liability insurance required.

On October 2, Colton James Wilson was arrested for liquor, purchase by a minor, possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and taxation; cigarettes & tobacco.

On October 3, Rian Bryce Young was booked as a hold for Miami County Sherrif's Department as he was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

On October 6, Jessica Ray Nichols was arrested for arson.

On October 7, Shannon S Figgins was arrested for harrass by telecom/phone and violation of protection order.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of October 8, 2025)

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

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

Kaiden Isaac Robb was booked into jail on January 7, 2025.

Chad Jerome Roy was booked into jail on May 22, 2025.

Timothy Dale Moore was booked into jail on June 28, 2025.

Christopher Martin Kanawyer was booked into jail on August 19, 2025.

Shi Leilani Kinney was booked into jail on August 29, 2025.

Cherokee Lane Casida-Razo was booked into jail on September 18, 2025.

Stephen Ray Putthoff was booked into jail on September 28, 2025.

Jessica Ray Nichols was booked into jail on October 6, 2025.

FORUM...

FROM PAGE 4

around looking into the surcharges placed on debit cards by local businesses? There are states that allow surcharges to be applied to credit cards, but there are no states that have a law allowing it to be charged when using a debit card, even if the debit card is processed as credit. Why is law enforcement not taking care of this surcharge that businesses are putting against our credit cards and our debit cards here in the state of Kansas?

Why is nobody thinking of the water plant with all this talk about a swimming pool? The water plant's needed reconstruction for several years. Mr. Sheahan is correct. There's infrastructure that needs to be fixed before we worry about swimming pools, amphitheaters, and stuff like that.

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Westphalia High School's last class



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 10-16-2025 / SUBMITTED

Recently some of the Class of 1970 celebrated their 55th reunion as they were the final graduating class at Westphalia High School. They met up at Westphalia day back on July 5, 2025. Pictured, from left are: Alan Highberger, Paula Drum Walter, Marilyn Carpenter Ballard, Tom Ballard, David Poire, Tom Johnson. Not pictured are Denis Tastove, Alma O'Mally Hogan, Raymond Spencer. Deceased classmates are: Kathleen Frank, Larry Salva, Merlin Carpenter, Pat Osborn, Don Dieker, Patty Hiestand Spencer.



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 10-16-2025 / SUBMITTED

Ida McClelland was sworn in as the new Anderson County Treasurer on Tuesday afternoon. Certain financial duties of the treasurer's office require a different swearing in schedule for treasurers even though they're elected during regular general elections. Above McClelland is sworn in by Anderson County District Judge, Eric Godderz. McClelland was elected last November.

SMITH...

FROM PAGE 4

And Danica Roem, a State Representative and Democrat was the first Transgender elected in Virginia, got the first 24 words of the Equal Rights Amendment tattooed on her arm as a symbolic commitment to the fight for gender equality. I wonder if she realizes the ERA was never ratified.

If you are a gang member or wannabe or are scheduled to spend most of your life in prison, tattoos have become compulsory branding. Prison tattoos also make it tough to get a real job after the future boss sees your prison "tough

guy" art. Tats can be used to augment other body desecrations. Americans signed up for 1.6 million cosmetic surgeries in 2023. Breast implants led the parade. We haven't reached it yet, but it's only a matter of time before some tattoo-happy person (we can't assume it will be a female of the species since even Supreme Court Justices cannot define "woman") decides to turn her upper chest into a comedy menu—"hot/cold," "milk/cream," that sort of thing. Then we'll know Starbucks has met body modification. None of it has happened yet. But give the idea time to percolate in the rat's nest of Hollywood. I admit to being a no tats lifer. None on me, not one.

My skin is still government issue, the original model, more or less unbranded. I had a chance to get tatted on my first liberty after my Navy boot camp in 1967. There were several San Diego ink shops, but I opted to watch two of my fellow swabbies get their upper arms drilled. No earth-shaking messages. "Mother" was the go-to tattoo—not out of sentiment. The ink artist of those days had spelling skills limited to six letters.

Instagram/Tivas

Some of my relatives have ink. They didn't ask me what I thought. That's fine, since I'd only have suggested a Sharpie and a six-pack as the cheaper, less permanent option. Yes, indeed, what you

create your body to say with ink is a First Amendment right. Both the giving and the receiving of the ink art is protected. I just think it is not mankind's greatest artistic achievement. I don't understand anything painted by Picasso. But inking a Picasso on your butt cheek? Un-cool. And keep in mind that some tattoo artists think art is a four-letter word. But if your chest says "I'm A Democrat" in bold letters, that's great until you change your mind to become a new Trump acolyte and must spend the rest of your life wearing a t-shirt. And, of course, a political conversion like that requires moving to Crook County, Wyoming, the most reddest part of the

reddest state. Questions often arise about how young is too young to make life-altering decisions, whether it's a gender transition decision or a tattoo. Lawmakers make trade-offs when setting age limits: eighteen to vote, eighteen or nineteen to get shot at while in the military in a desert war, or drinking booze, and twenty-one in some (but not all) states for certain cosmetic or body modifications. But those decisions are made by non-religious legislatures. As for religions, Muslims generally disallow tattooing. It's interesting that tattooing might be the one issue Muslims, Christians and Jews agree on. Look at Leviticus 19:28 "Ye shall not make any

cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD." Historically, Jewish and Christian scholars say the passage is a warning against pagan practices of mourning. But the last phrase, "nor print any marks upon you" sure looks like prohibiting body art to me. All I can picture is the coming freak show when America's inked warriors hit Social Security. When gravity and time do their dirty work, their once-muscled arms, backs, chests, and buttocks will sag into wrinkled blue psychedelic spiderwebs. At age seventy, nothing says 'badass' like tats which resembles a moldy shower curtain.###

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CALENDAR

Thursday, October 16, 2025
 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, October 17, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, October 18, 2025
 5:30 p.m. - Cemetery Walk hosted by the Garnett Library

Sunday, October 19, 2025
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

Monday, October 20, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:00 p.m. - ADCA Advisory Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - BPW Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 3:30 p.m. - Tinkering & Tech @ Garnett Public Library
 6:30 p.m. - Awana
 7:00 p.m. - Book Discussion @ Garnett Public Library

Thursday, October 23, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, October 24, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, October 25, 2025
 Kansas Rails-to-Trails Extravaganza
 11:00 a.m. - Stay and Play hosted by Garnett Library
 5:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner hosted by Garnett Senior Center
 6:30 p.m. - Art Roulette hosted by the Garnett Public Library

Monday, October 27, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 10-16-2025 / SUBMITTED
 Pictured above are the 2025 Lake Garnett Grand Prix Spirit of the Event Award Winners, from left: Paul Yeager, Scott Ward, Willie Helms, Rick Feuerborn, Mike Topp and TT&T Towing, City of Garnett represented by Director of Community Development and Tourism - Kris Hix, and LGGPR President Tracy Modin. Awards were also given to the following entities who were not present: Garnett Fire Department, Saint Lukes Healthcare/Anderson County Hospital, Jon Mensie and Rick Van Tuyl. These awards were presented during the annual Driver's Dinner held on Friday, October 10th for the significant support and dedication to the success of the event. Pictured on the right is the car show that took place downtown Saturday afternoon.



Richmond Community Museum to present the history of Berea



Settlers came from several locations in the East to an area three miles east of Richmond in 1855 to establish a community built around Presbyterian Churches. It was their goal to do all they could to help Kansas enter the union as a free state. Now there is nothing of Berea remaining except the cemetery. Come to the Richmond Community Museum Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 2 o'clock to learn about some of the families that formed

the village of Berea, what happened to them, their churches and town. Dennis Peters has done extensive research about Berea and will present a PowerPoint presentation that covers all of these areas. All are welcome and as always, the program is free. Come early and browse among the many displays, including the School Room opened this spring. The Museum is at 119 E. Central, Richmond.

Register wins 9/16 Senior Center pitch

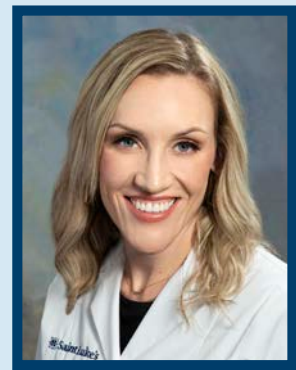
On the night of October 16 players came together for 10 games of 13-point pitch. The results of those games are as follows: Karen Register won 7 of 10 games taking top position; Jackie

Waddle won the 50/50; Dorothy Spencer had the most perfect hands of 13 with four and Kyle Trendel won the least number of games. Come join us on Thursday evening prompt-

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Jan Wards reporting

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BPW to meet Oct. 21

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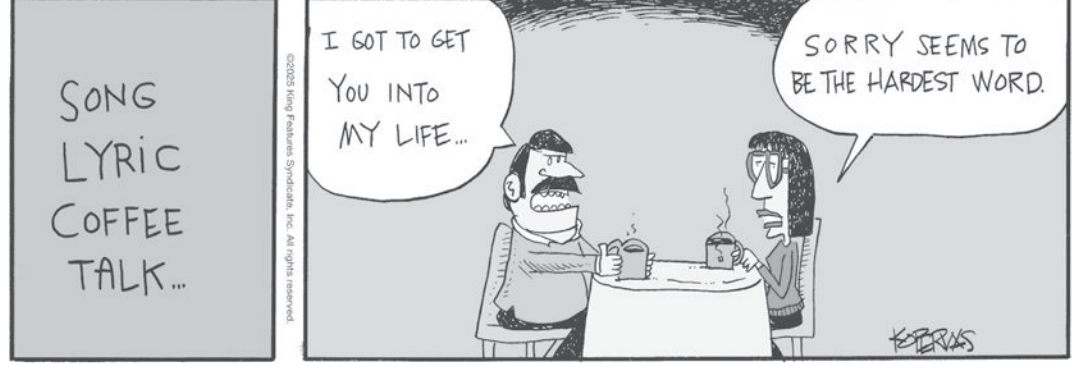
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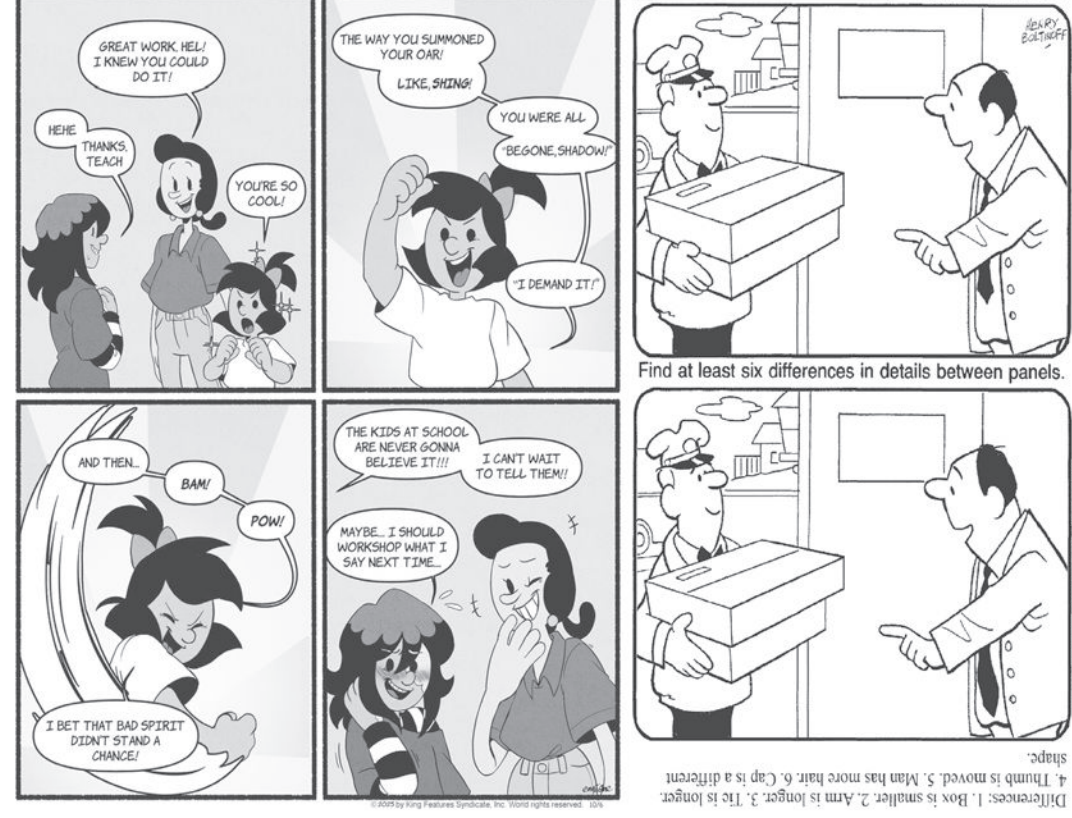


OLIVE

By Emi Burdge

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals L

BCWCMPRICF PQLRDIGB-CPR
 CDAWGJY VQCI OYQ ORJ
 KRLQJSJ KQP MCGDA CRJGWT
 ICLVICF: WSPCF MTPQD.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

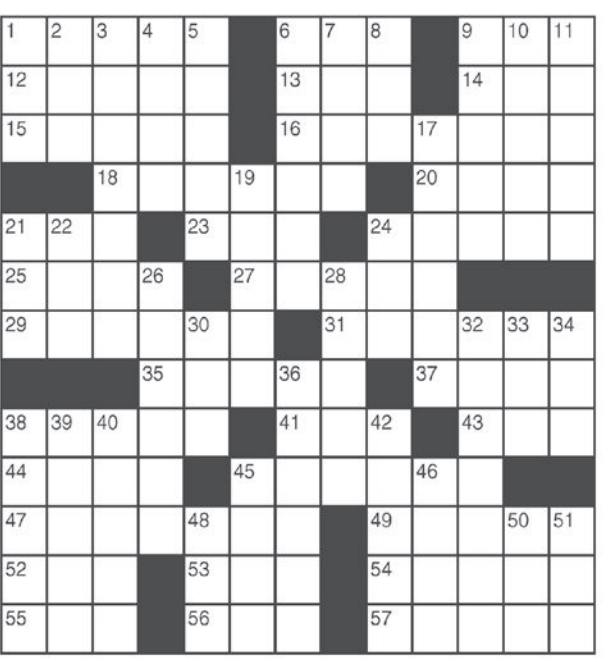
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TODAY'S WORD



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Surrenders
 - 6 Tennis match division
 - 9 Cover
 - 12 Fold
 - 13 Sch. founded by Jefferson
 - 14 Blackbird
 - 15 Shadow
 - 16 Utter disaster
 - 18 Author Lurie
 - 20 Bump into
 - 21 Soup cooker
 - 23 Cowboys quarterback Prescott
 - 24 Has an intense craving
 - 25 Actor Guinness
 - 27 Toothpaste holders
 - 29 Strange thing
 - 31 Deceived
 - 35 Welsh pooch
 - 37 Bargain
 - 41 "Downton —"
 - 43 ER workers
 - 43 Quilters' get-together
 - 44 Tragic king
 - 45 Rum cocktail
 - 47 TV anchor Norville
 - 49 "Glee" guitarist
 - 52 Packed away
 - 53 Historic period
- DOWN**
- 1 PC's brain
 - 2 Shade tree
 - 3 Battled verbally
 - 4 — Grey tea
 - 5 Composed
 - 6 Number puzzle
 - 7 Divisible by two
 - 8 Bar bill
 - 9 Shoe fasteners
 - 10 Cove
 - 11 Losing ventures?
 - 17 Ticked
 - 19 Nymph pursuer
 - 21 Kung — chicken
 - 22 Vintage
 - 24 Floral garland
 - 26 Roman orator
 - 28 Russian pancakes
 - 30 Playpen item
 - 32 Deducted
 - 33 — kwon do
 - 34 Flamenco cheer
 - 36 Cracker type
 - 38 Actors Robert and Alan
 - 39 Borscht base
 - 40 Innocents
 - 42 Play for time
 - 45 Stallion's mate
 - 46 Operatic solo
 - 48 Rule, for short
 - 50 Chemical suffix
 - 51 Curved letter



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MOVIES:** In the United States, what is the title of the first Harry Potter movie?
 - GEOGRAPHY:** The Prime Meridian Line runs through which major city?
 - HISTORY:** When did federal child labor law start in the United States?
 - ACRONYMS:** What does the acronym VPN stand for?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president appeared on the 1960s comedy show "Laugh-In"?
 - TELEVISION:** Which teen show starred Mayim Bialik before she got the role as Amy Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory"?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Where did the Minoan civilization flourish?
 - SCIENCE:** What pH balance is considered neutral?
 - LITERATURE:** In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Polonius appear?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM:** In which African country can the Bonobos species of ape be found in the wild?
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King Crossword

- Solution time: 26 mins.
- Answers**
1. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"
 2. Greenwich; London, England
 3. 1938
 4. Virtual Private Network
 5. Richard Nixon
 6. "Blossom"
 7. The Island of Crete
 8. 7
 9. "Hamlet"
 10. Democratic Republic of the Congo

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word
 3. Locate; 4. Perish
 1. Grim; 2. Handle; solution

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Solution

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

templed; Lured Byron.
 famous for being easily
 English poet who was
 Celebrated Romantic-era
 answer

CryptoQuip

Even in kindergarten, gaps seen in extracurricular activities

by Jeff Grabmeier, Ohio State News

It doesn't take long for gaps to appear between children who participate in extracurricular activities and kids who don't, a new study found.

White kindergarten children were 2.6 times more likely than children of other races and ethnicities to participate in athletics — the most common type of extracurricular activity, the research showed. Children of highly educated mothers were about twice as likely to take part in sports as those of less educated moms.

Similar results were found in other types of after-school activities.

Previous studies have shown that extracurricular activities can benefit children in many ways, so it is concerning that gaps in participation show up so early, said Elise Allen, a graduate student in educational studies at The Ohio State University.

"If racial-ethnic minority students and those from disadvantaged backgrounds don't have access to extracurricular activities at a young age, they may miss opportunities that could help them succeed in school," Allen said.

Allen and Arianna Black, also a graduate student in educational studies at Ohio State, led the research.

The study was published recently in the Journal of

Applied Developmental Psychology.

Much of the existing research on the effects of extracurricular activities have been done with adolescents.

"Given the documented benefits for adolescents, we thought it was crucial to examine who is participating at earlier ages and what benefits they might receive," Black said.

The study involved 401 kindergarten students in 31 classrooms in one large school district in Ohio. It is part of a larger project, called Early Learning Ohio, that examines children's learning, achievement and social development during the first five years of schooling, from pre-k through third grade.

Parents or other primary caretakers completed a questionnaire that asked about their demographics, home environment, extracurricular activities of their children, and other measures.

Parents reported if their children participated in any of five activities outside of school: lessons (such as music, dance or art), athletics, religious groups, organizations (such as Scouts) and academic help/tutoring.

Results showed that about one-quarter of the children were involved in no activities. Slightly more than one-quarter participated in one activity, and another quarter participated in two. The remainder were

involved with three, four or five activities.

Overall, the average kindergarten student participated in 1.5 activities.

Sports were the most common extracurricular activity (60%), followed by religious activities (39%), lessons (31%), organizations like Scouts (15%) and tutoring or additional academic prep (8%).

The key finding was that demographic factors including race and ethnicity, family income, and mothers' education all played a role in whether kindergarten children participated in extracurricular activities.

Along with race and ethnicity, mothers' education had one of the strongest links to participation, results showed.

Fewer than half of children whose mothers had a high-school equivalent education or less participated in athletics (47%), compared to nearly all the children whose mothers held a graduate or professional degree (96%).

Similar patterns were found across all activity types, with the exception of religious activities: Kids whose mothers were at the opposite ends of the education spectrum participated in religious activities at similar rates.

The study also examined whether greater participation in extracurricular activities led to gains in a measure of vocabulary devel-

opment, but the results did not find evidence of any such gains.

That might be because the sample size was not large enough, or because of the young age of participants, the researchers said.

"At kindergarten age, kids' language skills are still developing, and they are just starting these extracurricular activities," said study co-author Tzu-Jung Lin, associate professor of educational studies and a faculty associate of Ohio State's Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy.

"If we looked at these same children for a few more years, we could expect to see the impact of extracurricular activities on their language development."

And it may be that extracurricular activities show a stronger role in promoting school readiness, social-emotional development or other important factors not examined in this study, the researchers said.

There may be several reasons why children from homes with fewer resources participate less in after-school sports or other endeavors.

"With kids in kindergarten, parents have to accompany them to their activities," Lin said. "For many working-class families, even if they have the money to afford these activities, they can't take off work to be with

their kids at these events."

Because kindergarten students from socioeconomically disadvantaged families already start school behind their peers academically, they could use the boost from taking part in sports, lessons or other activities, according to Black.

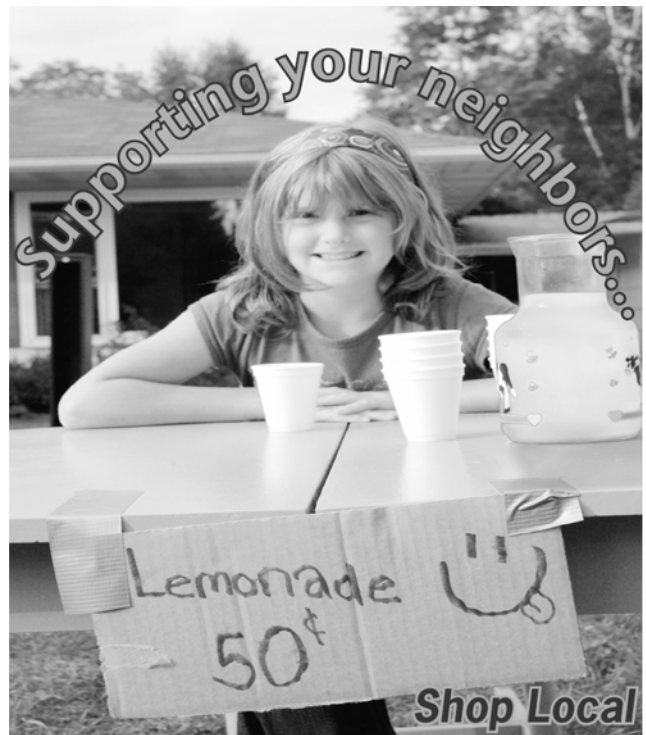
"More participation in extracurricular activities could help close the gap with their potentially higher-achieving peers," Black said.

The key message, Allen said, is that policymakers and other leaders need to address this participation gap.

"We need to help kids get involved in extracurricular activities at a young age, so that those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds get the same benefits and other opportunities that other kids already have," she said.

Other co-authors on the study were Kelly Purtell, associate professor of human sciences and a faculty associate at the Crane Center, and Laura Justice, professor of educational studies and executive director of the Crane Center.

The research was supported by a grant from the Institute of Education Sciences.



Congratulations Everlee Crum

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Viking boys finish 1st, girls take 2nd at Osage City

OSAGE CITY - The regular season for cross country came to a close Thursday as Central Heights Viking runners wrapped up competition at the Osage City Invitational, held at the Osage City Municipal Golf Course. With its great footing, wide turns, and competitive field, the meet has become a favorite stop for both high school and middle school athletes.

The varsity boys capped the regular season with a dominant team victory, finishing nearly 40 points ahead of the next school. The squad showed impressive depth, placing four runners in the medals and all six under the 19-minute mark. Stetson Miller and Josiah Meyer led the way with a 1-2 finish, Miller clocking 16:56.63 for first and Meyer close behind in 17:04.83. Ben Wuertz continued his strong improvement, finishing sixth in 17:44.14 with a personal record, while Cash Miller also hit a PR at 18:11.45 for 12th. Rounding out the team were Aidan Howland in 18th at 18:34.32 and Knox Cannady in 25th at 18:59.14.

Despite battling illness and minor injuries, the varsity girls pulled together for a strong second-place team finish with 63 points. Ebony Hughes continued her hot streak, taking sixth in 20:45.44 and shaving more than a minute off her time from last year on the same course. Lily Burkdoll finished 12th in 21:54.43 and Katelyn Burkdoll placed 15th in 22:12.36, both earn-



Central Heights' Stetson Miller (center) and Josiah Meyer (left) finished 1-2 at the Osage City meet.

ing medals. Makenzie Moon came in 19th at 22:47.41, and Arabella Dunbar notched a new personal record at 23:28.38 for 24th. Caitlynn Detwiler closed out the team effort in 43rd at 25:00.62 with a season-best performance.

The JV boys made it a clean sweep, capturing the team title with 25 points. Aydan Dunbar led the charge with a first-place finish in 19:17.80, followed by Mathew Dunbar in second at 19:35.62. Both posted season-best times. Timothy Carmack-Roberts finished fourth in 20:48.26 and Tristen McRoberts came in 14th at 22:57.45 to seal the win.

The middle school runners competed in combined-grade races for the first time this season and rose to the challenge. In the girls' two-mile race, Kamden Moon led the way, finishing sixth in 14:09.38. Emery Hughes ran 14:52.19 and Elizabeth Meyer 15:25.66, both placing in the top 15, with Meyer earning a season best. Mackenzie Macy finished in 17:16.69 and Rilya Lickteig in 17:16.80, each setting new personal or season marks.

For the middle school boys, Wyatt Moon ran a strong race for 15th in 13:02.25. Rodney Macy recorded a personal record of 14:18.51 for 38th, while

Jax McRoberts also hit a PR, finishing in 22:51.35 for 84th.

Coach comments praised the effort and teamwork across all divisions. "I'm incredibly proud of how hard our kids have been working and giving their all to help their teams and teammates," the coach said, also commending the supportive fanbase that consistently follows the team.

With the regular season wrapped up, middle school runners will next compete on their home course as hosts of the Three Rivers League Championship on October 16.

Vikings fall to Council Grove at home, 55-8

RICHMOND - The Central Heights Vikings faced a tough matchup Friday night, falling 55-8 to the visiting Council Grove Braves.

Council Grove jumped out quickly, scoring 28 points in the first quarter and adding 12 more before halftime.

The Vikings got on the board in the second quarter with a touchdown and two-point conversion, but the Braves' early lead proved

too much to overcome as the Vikings went into halftime facing a 40-8 deficit.

Council Grove tallied 15 more points in the third quarter while holding the Vikings scoreless in the second half to pull away for the victory.

The Vikings will look to regroup on Friday night as they travel to take on the Eureka Tornadoes. Eureka is 5-1 on the season and the Vikings currently stand at 1-5.

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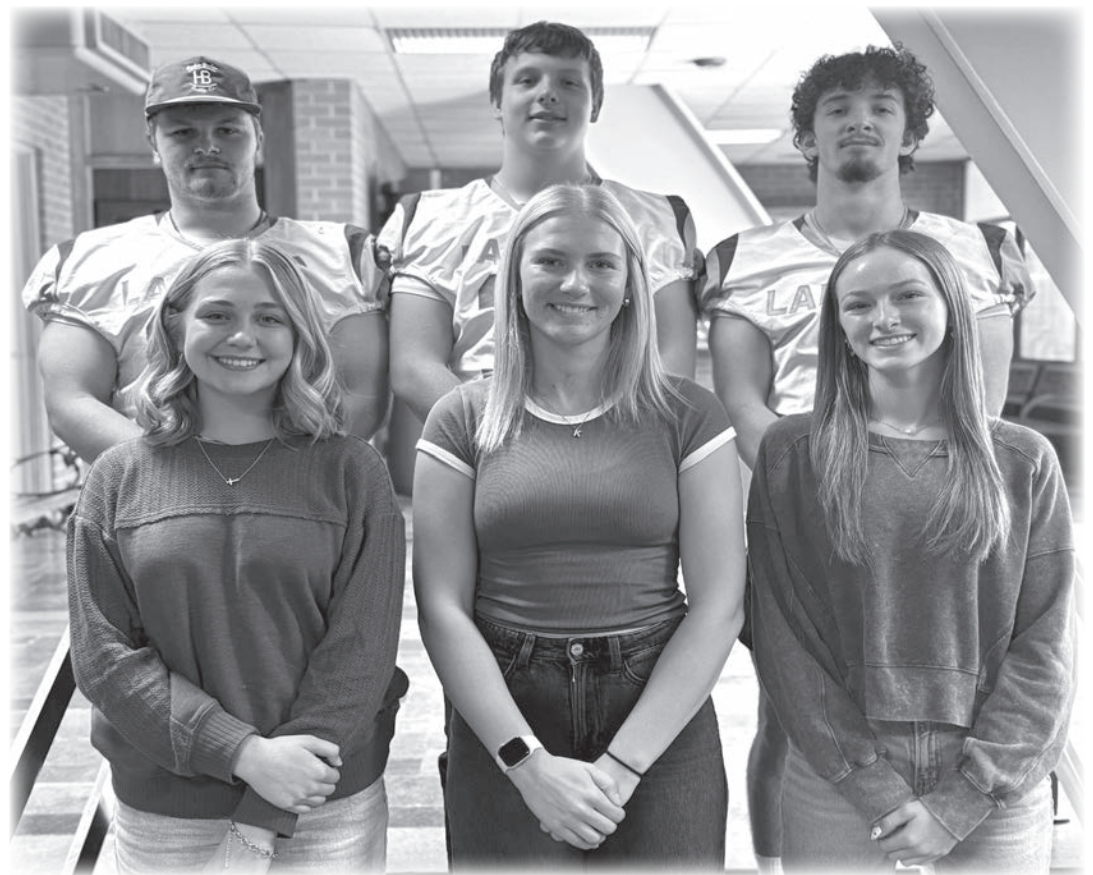
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Bulldogs wrap up regular season at Osage City Invite

OSAGE CITY - The Anderson County Bulldogs wrapped up the regular cross country season with a solid showing at the Osage City Invitational on Thursday, October 9, at the Osage City Municipal Golf Course.

In the boys' varsity 5,000-meter race, sophomore Braden Phelps led the Bulldogs with a time of 19:24.91, earning 36th place. Junior Jack Nienstedt followed in 44th at 19:42.42.

Senior Wesley Mills ran a steady race in 20:17.94 for 53rd, while sophomore Braxton Williams tallied a time of 20:22.59 for 55th. Owen Hawkins rounded out the varsity lineup, finishing 63rd in 21:06.68.

The Anderson County girls also had a strong outing. Junior Madilyn Reichard paced the team with a time of 23:03.91, placing 21st overall. Senior Hope Hill clocked a 26:09.90 for 49th, and senior Emma

Bauman finished close behind in 51st at 26:42.67. Coevin Velvick recorded a time of 30:09.67 for 60th, and junior Rayna Kuhlman capped off the race in 64th with a time of 40:40.03.

The middle school boys' team also found success in the two-mile race. Eighth-grader Justin Whitehurst led the way with a 13:40.56 for 24th place. Aston Rouse finished 78th in 20:11.90 and Loren Miller 86th in 24:57.97.

In the middle school girls' race, seventh-grader Shelby Mustain finished 16th in 15:39.35. Samantha Mills recorded a time of 20:03.86 for 39th, and seventh-grader Cassie Baumann earned a 20:37.67 for 42nd. Rounding out the lineup, seventh-graders Emily Shiels and Gwen Wiehl finished 47th in 24:22.88 and 49th in 27:50.29, respectively.

Lancer runners finish well at Mound City Invite

The Crest cross country teams turned in a strong showing Thursday, October 9, at the annual Coach Chet Hunter Invitational held at Sugar Valley Golf Course in Mound City hosted by Jayhawk Linn High School.

The Crest girls shined across both the two-mile and 5,000-meter races, with multiple top-10 finishes and strong pack running. In the two-mile races, Lynnex Allen dominated the field in the 8th grade event, taking

first place with an impressive time of 11:50.49. Jorden Allen finished seventh in 12:59.85. In the 7th grade run, Piper Schmidt, finished third in 12:49.19, and Andrey Yoder and Klaire Nilges weren't far behind, finishing eighth and ninth with times of 13:53.19 and 13:57.06, respectively. Petra Billings rounded out the team's effort in 11th at 14:39.87.

In the varsity girl's 5,000-meter race, Peyton Schmidt

led the way with a fourth-place finish in 20:05.01, followed closely by Josie Walter in ninth at 20:43.09. Aubrey Allen clocked 21:40.70 for 19th, and Kallei Robb ran 22:46.92 to finish 28th.

On the boys' side, several runners posted solid results as well. In the 7th grade two-mile race, Kreed Miller earned a spot on the podium with a third-place finish in 12:51.88, while Nash Holloway

placed sixth in 13:24.20 and Isaac Francis took eighth in 13:49.79. Lukas Taylor crossed the line in 15th in the 8th grade run with a time of 12:44.71.

In the boy's varsity 5,000-meter race, Dagon Denny led the Colony Crest boys with a 21st-place finish in 18:08.36. He was followed by Wyatt Francis, who ran 21:24.45 for 54th, and Lukas Blaufuss, who completed the course in 25:23.88 for 58th.

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the scores and lower the standards generally.

In a telling exchange with Sen. Tom Cotton, the secretary of the Army at the time said that the Army "didn't want to disadvantage any sub-

groups."

This is why it's so important that Hegseth ordered that the requirement for combat positions "returns to the highest male standard."

Obviously, having a physically fit force doesn't guarantee victory in, say, a war with China, which would require much else besides. But Hegseth was right to make it as clear

as possible to our military leaders that the basics are back. Making our force more proficient doesn't begin and end with push-ups, but it does start there.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Lady Bulldog heading to State, team finishes 4th

The Anderson County golfers competed at the 4A Sub-State tournament Monday, October 13, at Brookridge Country Club, finishing fourth as a team with a combined score of 424. The tournament, which featured 18 holes on the par-72, 5,140-yard course, saw Augusta and Baldwin tie for the team championship with 360, while Eudora finished third with 365.

Anderson County's top performer was Everlee Crum, who carded a 98 (+26) to lead the team individually. The finish was good enough to earn her a spot to the state championships in Hutchison at Carey Park. Athletes will

tee off on the Monday, October 20th and play will conclude on Tuesday.

Rylee Hill contributed with a 101 (+29), followed by Jaydyn Parks at 106 (+34). The remaining team members included Marlee Hollon (119, +47) and Jaelyn Leyser (126, +54), giving the Bulldogs a solid overall team showing despite the strong competition.

The individual medalist at sub-state went to Peyton Wright of Baldwin, who shot a 75 (+3) to claim first place. Marleigh Grant of Eudora finished second with a 79 (+7), and Kathy Gillett of Ottawa rounded out the top three with an 82 (+10).

Bulldogs fall to PV, next up SFT for Homecoming Friday

LACYGNE - The Anderson County Bulldogs fell to Prairie View 49-8 Friday night, bringing their record to 3-3 on the season.

The Bulldogs' offense struggled to find rhythm early, with Prairie View scoring 14 points in the first quarter and adding 29 more in the second to take a commanding 43-0 lead into halftime.

Anderson County finally got on the board in the fourth quarter when Westin Wright powered an

eight-yard touchdown run, and the team converted a two-point attempt to make the final score 49-8.

Quarterback Landon Schillig led the passing attack, completing 11 of 20 passes for 105 yards and two interceptions. Running back Wright carried the ball 15 times for 95 yards and the team's lone touchdown, while receiver Christian Barnett hauled in five catches for 53 yards. The Bulldogs' defense was led in tackles by Zach Schaffer



Left to right: Sophomore Cayden Davis, Junior Lily Dunkin, Junior Beau Howey, Senior Brylie Kohlmeier, Senior Zach Schaffer, Senior Jordan Miller, Senior Christian Barnett, Senior MaKenna Goetz, Freshmen Braxton Barnes, Freshmen Allie Thompson. (Not Pictured: Sophomore Maliah Velvick and Senior Aleck Smith).

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DAVIDS...

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paid," Davids said in an October 3 post on X (formerly Twitter).

But the search for what work she's actually doing is turning up a big goose egg.

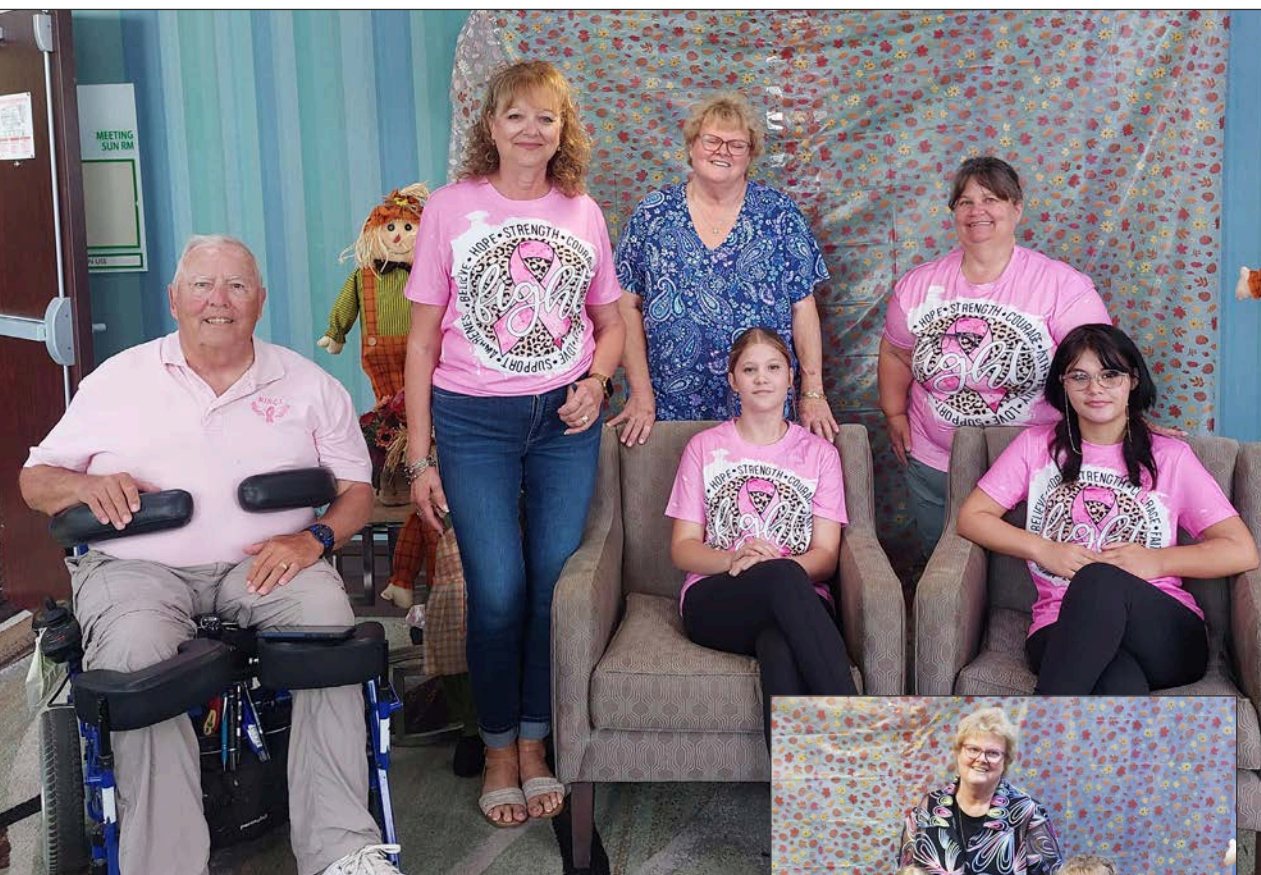
In reality, Davids voted "nay" on the House Continuing Resolution HR 5371 on Sept. 19 which would have funded the continuation of the government in absence of an actual approved annual budget. The bill passed 217-212 and was sent to the Senate to keep the government bills paid for another 60 days. But it died there after Democrats in the Senate rallied under the leadership of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) in an attempt to add nearly \$1.5 trillion to restore Medicaid provisions trimmed from the House version and President Trump's previous "Big, Beautiful Bill" - including government-paid Medicaid benefits for illegal aliens.

A ChatGPT search of Davids' efforts on behalf of ending the shutdown only yielded press releases and press statements aimed at leadership in the House - where the funding bill already passed - and attacking President Trump's firing of some federal workers. The AI search engine located nothing from Davids addressing the actual stopping point that occurred with Democrats in the Senate. Davids' media specialist Zac Donely did not provide any evidence the congresswoman had attempted to sway Democratic votes in the Senate when asked for copies of any such letters or documents by the Review. There appear to be no copies of letters from Davids encouraging Senators from her party to change their votes and reopen the government.

It's not the first time Davids' public statements seem inconsistent with her actual execution on the job. In November 2023, Davids helped Garnett and several other Kansas towns with grant paperwork for water plant infrastructure funding, then voted against the bill that would have actually provided the money after she took issue with Republican cuts to the EPA that were added to the bill.

House Resolution 4821 contained nearly \$4.8 million in funding for separate water treatment projects in Garnett, Olathe, DeSoto, Edgerton and Johnson County - all projects within the Kansas 3rd District. The projects were among various clean water projects across the country - part of a massive appropriations bill during the Biden Administration funding expenses budgeted in the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency and other associated departments.

The bill still passed and was sent to the Senate - but without Davids' support.



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Garnett BPW members recently attended the Kansas BPW Conference in Salina. Pictured above are, from left: Mike Norman, Helen Norman, Marsha Burris, Aubree Ferguson (sitting), Jenny Meyers, Natalee Ferguson (sitting).

Picture to the right: Addie Fudge attended the Kansas BPW Conference in Salina, KS to accept her scholarship that was rewarded to her from the Kansas BPW Educational Foundation. Sitting, from left: Addie Fudge, Helen Norman. Standing in back is Marsha Burris.



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"First of all, school districts are not required to budget for any particular amount of spending," Trabert said. "A lot of district spending can be moved from one fund to another, so local school boards can budget less in Supplemental General and Capital Outlay funds to reduce the property tax needed in those funds. "The Garnett Budget at a Glance report (available online) for USD 365 shows a beginning cash balance of \$2.3 million in the Capital Outlay fund, but the district is only budgeting to spend \$1.1 million. "That means they don't need to add the \$792,000 in property tax budgeted for the 2026 school year," Trabert said. "Budgeting to spend 22% more than was actually spent in prior years indicates that the Garnett district can certainly do a better job at budgeting," he said.

For example, Trabert said USD 329 Wabaunsee has only averaged a 5% variance above actual expenditures over the last five years.

"USD 365 also has more money in other cash reserves than is necessary," Trabert said. "The beginning balance totals in the table above, which don't include cash reserves for debt service, average more than 30% of the coming year's actual spending. The state average is less than 20%, and Wabaunsee only averages 14% in reserves." Twenty years ago, Trabert said, the state average was just 12% and dozens of districts had less than 10% in cash reserves. Better budgeting and careful cash management will allow districts to reduce property taxes - a common and growing complaint among Kansans - he said.

Trabert said school boards and superintendents need better budget training - one of the services provided by another KPI subsidiary, the Kansas School Board Resource Center (ksbrc.org).

TOYS...

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ist and public relations executive in Los Angeles, was inspired by his wife Diane, who had hand-crafted a few dolls and asked Bill to deliver them to an organization that could give them to needy children. No local organization existed, so Hendricks took it upon himself to start one.

The first year, Hendricks and his fellow Marines collected about 5,000 toys in the LA area, using decorated bins placed outside movie theaters. The idea caught on quickly, and by 1948, the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots as an official nationwide program.

Walt Disney himself designed the now-famous Toys for Tots logo, featuring a red toy train that remains the symbol of the campaign today.

In 1991, the Marine Corps established the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to manage fundraising and provide administrative support. This allowed the program to expand further and operate year-round while ensuring that nearly every dollar collected went directly toward purchasing and delivering toys.

Today, Toys for Tots operates in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and U.S. territories. More

than 625 million toys have been distributed to over 300 million children since its founding. The program's mission has also evolved beyond Christmas: the Foundation now supports literacy.

The collection drive runs through mid-December, with distribution events scheduled just before Christmas by Topeka-area elements of the 4th Marine Division - the Marine Reserve.

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Bring colorful drama to fall gardening and outdoor decor

(BPT) - Fall is a time of bold color, cozy gatherings and charming curb appeal. With the right plants and creative touches, it's easy to transform your porch, patio or garden for the season.

For 30 years, Wave® has brought easy-care blooms in eye-catching shades to gardens across North America, from its signature petunias to its beloved pansies. Pansies continue to be a fall favorite, offering long-lasting displays while also doubling as a unique garnish for seasonal entertaining.

Porch to patio: Fall displays

Nothing says autumn like a porch dressed in pumpkins, planters and colorful flowers. A container filled with mums, kale, tall grasses and pansies is an easy DIY project that instantly brings the season to life.

Bold shades like yellows, purples

and oranges add festive energy to porch décor, and the brand-new Top Wave™ Orange - the only trailing orange pansy - spills beautifully from baskets, window boxes and patio pots. For a softer, more transitional feel, pink shades bridges the seasons with blossoms that range from light pink to blush and hot pink.

Choosing the right container makes all the difference - a rustic barrel pairs beautifully with brick exteriors, while sleek galvanized metal complements modern homes. Larger pots create more impact and help plants hold moisture longer, while a collection of smaller planters can add charm with variety. Complete the arrangement with gourds, lanterns or copper details for an inviting fall finish.

Layered style for lasting impact

Creating a show-stopping autumn display isn't just about the plants them-

selves, but how you combine them. Think in terms of color, texture and flow to give your space a designer's touch.

* Color harmony - Play with contrast, like jewel tones against neutrals, or go timeless with a burgundy-and-gold palette.

* Texture - Mix smooth petals with foliage that adds shape and structure, from leafy greens to trailing vines.

* Design flow - Extend your color and texture choices from porch planters into surrounding beds or borders so the whole space feels connected.

These thoughtful design choices help even the simplest containers look polished and on-trend for the season.

Blooms that brave the frost

Cooler weather doesn't mean the end of garden color. Pansies are built for the season - spreading quickly, filling

baskets and beds, and surviving reliably through frost. They'll last well into winter and often return in early spring, blooming alongside other seasonal bulbs.

A feast for the eyes - and the table

Beyond the garden, pansies can make entertaining unforgettable. Their delicate petals are edible and add a colorful flourish to seasonal menus. Toss a handful into a fresh salad for a surprising pop of color, decorate cakes and cupcakes with blooms that turn dessert into a centerpiece, or float them in cocktails for a festive garnish.

The blue-and-cream blooms of pansies bring sophistication to sweet treats, while the bold hues of orange add a playful Halloween accent to party platters and drinks. Using flowers as garnishes elevates everyday dishes, making fall gatherings even more memorable.

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Five simple ways to personalize your bathroom

(BPT) - Your bathroom doesn't have to solely be a utilitarian space. With just a few easy changes, you can turn your no-frill bathroom into a relaxing space with a personalized feel.

Don't know where to start? Check out these five simple tips that can help you enhance your existing aesthetic or completely update the vibes of your bathroom.

1. Hang artwork that reflects your taste

Hanging artwork in the bathroom is the easiest way to quickly add personality. If you're looking to change the room's theme from a minimalist black-and-white color scheme to a maximalist tropical theme, find photos and prints with plants and trees in bright greens, reds and yellows.

Or, if you've been having a hard time finding a spot to hang art you've either purchased or been gifted by a friend, these pieces may look right at home in your bathroom!

Pro tip: Choose waterproof frames that can protect your art from humidity.

2. Update hardware to express your style

The hardware you choose sets the tone and style of a bathroom. If you currently have cool silver drawer pulls, faucets, towel bars and other fixtures with a polished finish, consider switching to warm gold or bronze hardware with a brushed finish.

Keep in mind that you can mix and match colors, materials and finishes to create a bathroom with hardware tailored to your taste. For example, if you want to upgrade your faucet, check out Kohler's Mix & Match Faucet options. Three faucet collections provide you with the freedom to choose the spout style, handle and finish.

If you're looking to inject turn-of-the-century charm into your bathroom, choose the Artifacts collection. For a high-fashion, effortless glamour of the Golden Age of Hollywood, opt for the Occasion line of faucet sets. Want to lean into minimalism? Take a look at the Components collection. Each line offers faucet fixtures in several finishes and colors, so you can find what suits your style best.

3. Add a spa-like feel with plants

Turn your bathroom into a tranquil retreat with bathroom-friendly plants. Adding natural, organic elements like plants can bring an otherwise sterile room to life and can soften a bathroom's hard, clean lines. There are many plants

you can choose from, but it's best to choose ones that thrive in humidity, like calatheas, monstera, pothos, orchids or ferns.

Once you've chosen your plants, look for decorative planters that match your aesthetic or the bathroom's color scheme. If you're short on space, consider hanging planters. No matter what you choose, the plants you care for can make the bathroom more inviting.

4. Control the ambiance with lighting

Changing the lighting in your bathroom allows you to effortlessly control the ambiance. For example, dimmable white light bulbs create a cozy atmosphere, but still offer enough illumination for grooming tasks like shaving and applying makeup. Installing a dimmer switch allows you to adjust brightness to create a sunlike daytime mood or a soothing evening glow for a relaxing bath after a long day. For flexibility, install smart lighting that allows you to change the color and brightness depending on your mood and needs.

Pro tip: Choose lighting elements that match or complement other bathroom hardware. If you're considering installing a faucet from Kohler's Artifacts, Components and Occasion collections, you're in luck. Each collection also offers customizable lighting fixtures.

5. Add color and texture with paint and wallpaper

Finally, a new coat of paint or wallpaper can do wonders for a bathroom. With so many colors and patterns to choose from, you can easily find the combination that suits your style.

Tired of the sterile white or beige of your bathroom walls? Grab a can of baby blue or sage green to create a serene setting or use warm reds and pinks for a homey ambiance.

If you want to add textures and patterns, look for wallpaper that reflects the theme of the bathroom or that shows off your hobbies or interests. From florals to



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Make your bathroom a relaxing space by personalizing it.

faux stone to geometric shapes and more, wallpaper offers endless possibilities to express yourself in this space.

Pro tip: The type of paint and wallpaper you choose matters. Acrylic and latex paints are popular bathroom choices because they can prevent mold and mildew that can flourish in humid condi-

tions. Similarly, vinyl wallpaper is best for the humid bathroom environment.

Are you ready to restyle your bathroom? Using these five tips, you can turn a basic room into a retreat personalized to your heart's content.



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Keep your cool: Easy steps to clean your outdoor HVAC unit

To clean an outdoor HVAC unit, you must first shut off the power completely, then clear away surrounding debris, and finally wash the coils with a garden hose. For more thorough cleaning, you can remove the unit's top cover to access the interior coils.

What you'll need

- A garden hose with a spray nozzle: Do not use a pressure washer, as the high force can damage the delicate fins.
- Fin comb (optional): To straighten any bent fins.
- Wet/dry vacuum (optional): To remove large debris from inside the unit.
- AC coil cleaner (optional): A foaming cleaner for heavier dirt buildup.
- Screwdriver: To remove the top of the unit.
- Gloves and safety goggles: For protection.

Step 1: Turn off the power

This is the most critical step for safety.

- Go to your thermostat and set the system to "off".

- Go to your outdoor condenser unit and locate the exterior shut-off box, which is usually on a wall near the unit. Open the cover and pull the plug or flip the switch inside.

- For extra caution, flip the corresponding circuit breaker for the HVAC system in your home's main electrical panel.

Step 2: Clear the area around the unit

- Trim back any shrubs, bushes, or plants that are within two feet of the unit to ensure proper airflow.

- Clear away any visible leaves, grass clippings, or other debris that have accumulated around the base and on top of

the unit.

Step 3: Clean the exterior fins

- Use your garden hose with a gentle or medium-pressure setting.

- Spray the fins from the top down. Direct the spray at a 45-degree angle to help push debris out of the coils rather than further in.

- Walk around the entire unit, spraying each side until the water runs clear.

Step 4: Clean the interior (optional, for a deeper clean)

- Remove the cover. Using a screwdriver, unscrew and lift off the fan cage from the top of the unit. Be careful not to strain or pull on any wires.

- Remove debris. By hand or with a shop vacuum, remove any loose debris, such as leaves, dirt, and pet hair, from inside the unit.

- Apply coil cleaner. If you have heavy

grime, spray a foaming coil cleaner onto the interior coils. Follow the product's instructions for how long to let it sit.

- Rinse the coils. Gently rinse the coils with your garden hose from the inside out, allowing water to carry dirt and cleaner out of the unit. Avoid getting water on any electrical components.

Step 5: Straighten the fins

- If you notice any bent fins, you can use a fin comb to carefully straighten them. This improves airflow and the unit's efficiency.

- Step 6: Reassemble and restore power
- Replace the fan cage and screw it back into place.

- Allow the unit to air-dry for at least an hour before restoring power.

- Restore power by flipping the circuit breaker and re-inserting the shut-off plug.

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What you need to know about home equity loans

(BPT) - If you have large or unexpected expenses on the horizon, you may have access to an untapped resource: your home. You could use some of the equity you've built up in your house to meet financial goals, depending on how much equity you have and how you use it.

Here's a guide from the experts at Navy Federal Credit Union to explain how home equity loans work and when you should - or shouldn't - use your home's equity.

What is a home equity loan?

In basic terms, a home equity loan is money you're borrowing using your home as collateral. The equity in your home equals how much of your home's value you actually own (not counting the mortgage you're still paying off).

Home equity loans are frequently offered at lower interest rates than other loans, so they may be a great option for consolidating debt on higher interest credit cards, or large home improvement projects.

You can determine how much equity you have in your home, and how much your home equity loan payments are likely to be, using online calculators.

Here are the two most common types of home equity loans:

Fixed-rate equity loan: This is a lump sum amount you'll draw from your home's equity, paying back monthly at a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan, so you'll know exactly what to expect. Fixed-rate home equity loans are typically used for:

- * Home improvements/repairs
- * Debt consolidation
- * Large purchases

* Life events

Home equity line of credit (HELOC): This is a line of credit secured by the home, which lets you borrow funds if and when needed, up to a set maximum credit limit. You only have to repay the funds you borrow. HELOCs are typically used for:

- * Home improvements
- * Emergency funds
- * Medical expenses
- * Debt consolidation

The best use of a home equity loan or home equity line of credit is when the money you borrow increases your home's value via renovations or repairs, as this continues building the equity you're borrowing against. You may also have tax benefits for using the loan toward home improvements, so it's recommended to consult a tax professional.

When NOT to use a home equity loan or HELOC

Because these loans use your home as collateral, remember that you'll want to be sure you can stay on track with loan repayments. For this reason, financial experts advise against using home equity to borrow for things including:

A car purchase: An auto loan is usually a better choice for purchasing a new or used vehicle. Interest rates on auto loans tend to be similar or lower than home equity loans, and auto loans usually require little paperwork and fewer fees.

Vacations: It's better to save up for near-term wants like vacations or large-screen TVs than using your home's equity for something offering no finan-

cial return.

College: Consider all options - including federal student loans, scholarships, grants and private student loans - before tapping into home equity. A home equity loan may be a consideration if current mortgage rates are significantly lower than federal student loan rates, especially for graduate or professional degrees. But unlike federal student loans, if you use home equity to pay for college, you won't qualify for income-driven repayment plans or loan forgiveness programs.

Starting a business: Your best bet for launching a business is a business loan through a financial institution or the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). If your business fails and you have a home equity loan or HELOC you can't repay, you're putting your home on the line.

Recurring expenses: Using home equity to cover everyday bills can be a slippery slope. Consider your long-term ability to repay the loan. Since your home is your collateral, missed payments could lead to foreclosure.



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How to select the right tankless electric water heater for any home

(BPT) - Tankless electric water heaters are transforming the way households experience hot water by offering energy-efficient, space-saving solutions that deliver heated water on demand. These compact units can be up to 98% smaller than traditional storage water heaters. They may be installed in tight spaces or even mounted to a wall, freeing up valuable space while reducing energy consumption.

Selecting the right model requires preparation and research. Homeowners should consider key elements of their home's design, including the number of occupants, bathrooms and hot water appliances - paired with overall water usage - to ensure the correct tankless electric water heater is installed.

Tip 1: Estimate household hot water demand

A critical first step is properly estimating the household's hot water demand. A tankless electric water heater's flow rate, measured in gallons per minute (GPM), determines its size. Calculating how many hot water GPMs the household typically uses is essential and is done by adding up the flow rates of fixtures, such as faucets and showers, that run at the same time.

After determining the GPM required to meet all the household's simultaneous needs, the homeowner can choose the right size tankless electric water heater. For example, if someone uses the shower while two faucets are running, the home will need a tankless electric water heater with at least a 5 GPM capacity.

See infographic for an overview of product usage, sizing and geographic zones.

Another important consideration is the number of bathrooms and typical usage patterns of occupants. Larger families or homes with multiple bathrooms may require a higher-capacity unit, whereas smaller households can often rely on a more compact solution. For example, the Rheem RTEX and EcoSmart models under the Rheem® family of brands cater to a wide range of needs, from point-of-use (POU) units for single fixtures, to whole-home options designed to handle multiple fixtures concurrently.

Tip 2: Factor in regional climate

Groundwater temperatures vary across the country. In northern regions of the U.S., which tend to be colder, the ground water is also colder. This means that a higher temperature rise (difference between the ground water tem-

perature and the desired output water temperature) is required compared to warmer southern areas.

For example, in southern areas where the groundwater temperature is 62° F, to reach a desired output water temperature of 105° F, the temperature rise would be 43° F. Whereas, in northern regions, if the groundwater temperature is 40° F to reach 105° F, the temperature rise is much higher at 65° F. The unit has to work harder to achieve this temperature.

For this reason, certain models will work well in southern climates, but a similar household in a northern region may need a larger tankless electric water heater to achieve the degree rise needed to meet household hot water requirements.

Tip 3: Account for water temperature and flow rate

Water temperature and flow rate are equally crucial when determining the appropriate tankless electric water heater size. Higher flow rates demand more powerful models to maintain consistent hot water output. Some residences may be accommodated by one whole-home unit, while others may require multiple point-of-use systems.

Tip 4: Evaluate electrical capacity

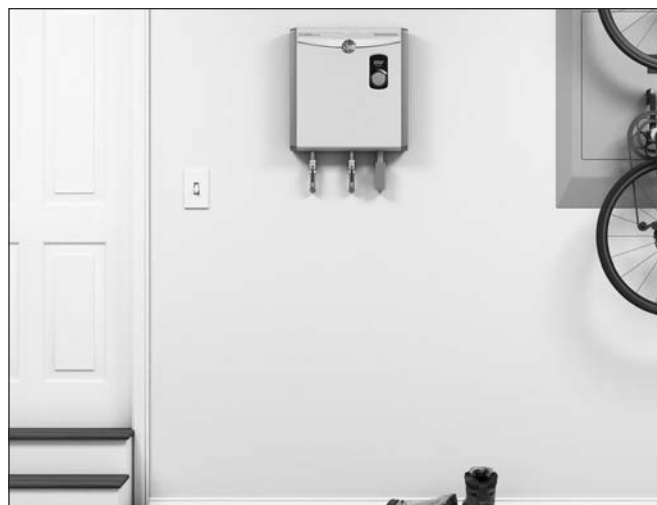
The home's electrical capacity is another essential consideration when selecting a tankless electric water heater. For most homes, the average available amp service is either 100-, 200-, or 300-amps. While a 200-amp service panel typically suffices for average households, new construction, larger homes and high-demand systems may require a higher 300-amp service panel. Additionally, older homes with lower amp service may require an electric panel upgrade to meet the needs of a tankless electric water heater.

Higher-capacity tankless electric water heaters require more power, so be sure to assess the capability of the home's electric service panel to accommodate additional circuit breakers before installation. Consult a licensed electrician or contractor to evaluate the home, circuit breaker size and wiring gauge to ensure the service panel can handle the load, prevent overloads and ensure a safe, efficient operation.

There are many benefits to tankless electric water heaters, including the ease of installation. Tankless electric models simplify installation by eliminating the need for venting, but sizing is key. If the unit is undersized, it may not fully meet demand during simultaneous

water use. An oversized unit can lead to unnecessary energy consumption and higher utility costs.

Follow these tips and use a manufacturer's guide, such as Rheem's online sizing resource, to confidently select a tankless electric water heater model, then work with a professional to guarantee a safe and efficient installation for endless hot water and energy-efficient operation.



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A whole home approach to energy efficiency

(BPT) - A spike in home energy bills often leads consumers to suspect a problem with their heating or cooling equipment. However, before assuming faulty equipment is the cause of high energy bills, it's a good idea to consider other potential culprits that can reduce energy efficiency and lead to costlier heating and cooling bills. Some areas within a home can allow heated or cooled air to escape before it enters the desired room. The attic is a good example of a space where undetected issues can reduce comfort, adversely affect air quality and decrease energy efficiency.

Signs of thermal problems in the attic may be visible from a home's exterior. During cooler seasons, heated air escaping from a home's attic may pass through the roof deck, melting snow or frost. If nearby homes' roofs are covered in snow or frost while your home's roof is bare, this may be a sign of attic heat loss.

Installing a sufficient amount of attic insulation is one way to reduce energy loss. According to Energy Star, homeowners can save up to 15% on heating and cooling costs by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces and accessible basement rim joists.¹

Insulate to avoid the chimney effect

The proper level of insulation can help defend against the chimney effect (sometimes called stack effect). This term describes the phenomenon of less dense, warm air vertically flowing to the highest part of a structure - often the attic. Attic insulation functions

as a thermal barrier that helps keep warm air inside the home from moving into the attic and escaping to the outside. Conversely, in warmer weather, attic insulation helps keep hot attic air from infiltrating the cooled interior of a home.

A proper thickness of insulation installed in the attic can also help avoid moisture buildup, which can lead to mold growth and potential structural issues. Attic insulation helps maintain indoor temperatures, reduce energy loss and support occupant comfort.

Are your attic ducts in order?

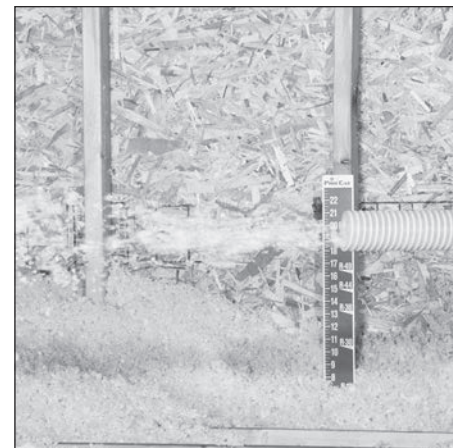
Other attic components can also affect air throughout the home. When ductwork is properly sized and in good condition, airflow is balanced to support comfort and efficient air distribution. Ducts that are too small can cause airflow resistance, resulting in an uneven distribution of air, causing the heating and cooling equipment to cycle more frequently and putting more strain on equipment. Similarly, ducts that are too large may result in lower air pressure and poor temperature control throughout the home. Even acoustics can be influenced by ductwork, as properly sized ducts may help reduce noise generated by air flowing through the ducts.

While duct size matters, so does the condition of ductwork. Holes and loose connections in attic ductwork can allow cooled or heated air to escape before it reaches the register in the desired room. Contaminants inside the attic can enter these breaches and flow into the rest of the home. An increase in dust levels inside the home may be

a sign that attic ductwork needs attention.

Inspecting the attic with a whole home approach

A home's energy efficiency relies on a system that includes the heating and cooling equipment, ductwork and ancillary components like insulation. Ensuring that all these components are properly functioning can help contribute to occupant comfort, support indoor air quality, promote energy efficiency and contribute to the longevity of the home's comfort system. An inspection of a home's attic - including measuring insulation levels and assessing ductwork - should be included in HVAC service and maintenance checks.



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10 cost saving projects that boost value and comfort

Fall means crisp air, comfortable temps, and the perfect time to prep your home for the colder months ahead.

However, tariffs, inflation, and the rising cost of materials can make renovations particularly pricey this time of year.

Fortunately, there are still plenty of projects you can tackle to boost your home's comfort and value—without breaking the bank.

Why now is the perfect time to tackle fall home projects

The current economic climate has made updating your home more expensive than ever before.

However, September is still the ideal time for home maintenance, and there are plenty of low-cost projects that can protect your long-term investment and help attract potential buyers if you're looking to sell—and save you a great deal of money overall.

Here are a few reasons you should prioritize some of these projects now:

Temperatures are more forgiving

The fall is more comfortable to work in, but more importantly, it allows time for paints, coatings, sealants, or minor exterior repairs to cure without worry of scorching in summer or freezing in winter.

“Adhesives and sealants also tend to work better in moderate temps, which can lead to better bonds and less call-backs when it turns cold,” says Danny Niemela, vice president and CFO at ArDan Construction in Scottsdale, AZ.

You can prep your home for the colder months

The fall is the ideal time to prepare your home for the upcoming cold months.

“There's no better season to close drafts, ensure your roof and gutters are in prime shape for rain or snow, and tidy up your lawn and garden before they go dormant,” explains Sain Rhodes, real estate expert at Clever Offers in Seattle.

Projects run smoother when you're not interrupting chaos

Let's face it—for most people, when the calendar flipped to September, that signaled an end to summer. Trips are over, houses settle down, school starts, and noise levels decrease. That change in energy is significant.

“You have less foot traffic in your home and fewer scheduling conflicts. Remodels tend to go faster when homeowners are not trying to balance pool days, vacations, and nonstop guests. No joke, our average project timeline in the

fall is reduced by about 15% from a summer start,” says Niemela.

You can build in a cushion before the holidays arrive

This is a bigger deal than it sounds. After all, nobody wants drywall dust around the turkey.

“When you focus on projects in September, you'll be less likely to stress out in November as you try to get permits closed or painters out. For most people, the fall months reflect that last clean window of time before guests and parties take over,” explains Niemela.

10 home projects under \$100 to boost comfort and value this Fall

As you start to plan your fall home-improvement schedule, here are 10 cost-effective options to consider:

Dust and reverse ceiling fans

While it's virtually free to dust and reverse ceiling fans, most homeowners don't do it.

“When you reverse the blade direction, you'll send warm air down—heating rooms more effectively in the colder months,” says Rhodes.

Switch out light bulbs

“Replace those dingy yellow 2700K bulbs with bright 4000K daylight bulbs. It's about \$3 per bulb, but the return in kitchens or workspaces is huge,” explains Niemela.

Updated bulbs instantly make everything look cleaner, brighter, and newer. Good lighting is an inexpensive way to take any room to new heights.

Air seal your front doors

“A weatherstrip kit for \$18, a door sweep for \$25, and foam outlet gaskets for \$6 across 10 plates can calm cold drafts in only two hours,” says Niemela.

The change will be obvious from the second the heater comes on.

Give your windows some TLC

Spray \$30 worth of clear inside film on a drafty window, run a \$10 tube of clear silicone at the outside trim gap, and replace a \$10 pair of squeaky crank handles. Then, wash both sides of the window with a \$4 concentrate and two \$6 squeegees.

“This is not as intense or expensive as a window replacement but could last two heating seasons and save you thousands,” explains Niemela.

Apply a fresh layers of mulch

“Adding a fresh layer of season mulch to garden beds for about \$40 not only makes your curb look better but also shields your plants from frost,” says Rhodes.

This affordable trick can ensure your plants are in good shape by the time spring rolls around.

Clean your gutters

Removing leaves, pine needles, and other debris from your gutters is a \$0-to-\$50 project that pays dividends. It might take two hours plus a ladder and a pair of gloves, but keeping your gutters free from clogs will keep water away from your foundations—potentially saving you thousands in damage.

“Plus, clean gutters signal that a home that's been well maintained, which is more important to buyers than most homeowners realize,” explains Niemela.

Change out your air filters

Changing HVAC filters is not as sexy, but it's just as important. Filters costing as little as \$30 can mean the difference between stale/dusty or clean flowing air

throughout your home.

“If the air feels dirty, potential buyers make a mental note to lower their price. If it's clean, well, the implication is your home is well cared for,” says Niemela.

Caulk around bathrooms and kitchens. This is another \$50 task that can stop leaks and water damage. It also makes sinks and tubs appear clean—instantly.

“New caulk just screams ‘sanitary’ to most people, where broken or moldy lines scream ‘neglected’ or ‘overhaul needed,’” explains Niemela.

Pressure wash your driveways and walkways

Driveways, walkways, patios, and sidewalks can become dirty enough to make a property look years older. That's where pressure washing comes in. A two-hour

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How to understand your home energy use — and cut costs

Rising energy bills can be frustrating, but understanding how your home uses energy is the first step toward cutting costs. By learning where and how electricity, gas, and water are consumed, you can make smarter decisions that save both money and resources.

Track Your Energy Usage

The first step in managing energy costs is awareness. Start by reviewing your utility bills to identify patterns and trends. Look for seasonal spikes or unusually high consumption compared with similar households. Many utility companies now offer online dashboards or apps that provide daily or even hourly usage data. These tools make it easy to see which appliances or activities consume the most energy.

Consider using a home energy monitor. Devices like smart plugs or whole-home energy monitors track electricity usage in real time and give insight into which devices are driving your bills. This information can help you prioritize changes that offer the biggest savings.

Identify Energy-Hungry Appliances

Some of the biggest energy users in your home are often the most overlooked. Heating and cooling systems, water heaters, refrigerators, and older appliances can account for a large portion of your monthly bills.

Simple maintenance can make a difference:

HVAC systems: Replace air filters regularly, clean ducts, and schedule annual professional maintenance.

Water heaters: Lower the thermostat to 120°F, insulate the tank, and flush sediment annually to improve efficiency.

Refrigerators and freezers: Keep them full but not overcrowded, defrost when needed, and ensure seals are tight.

Upgrading to energy-efficient appliances, particularly those with the ENERGY STAR label, can result in long-term savings. While upfront costs may be higher, energy-efficient models typically pay for themselves over time through lower utility bills.

Adopt Smart Habits

Energy savings aren't just about appliances—they're also about daily behavior. Small changes can add up

quickly:

Turn off lights, computers, and TVs when not in use.

Use power strips to prevent “phantom” energy drain from devices on standby.

Adjust thermostat settings when away from home. Even a few degrees difference can reduce heating and cooling costs significantly.

Wash clothes in cold water and line-dry when possible.

Seal drafts around windows and doors, and use weather stripping to prevent heat loss.

These habits may seem minor individually, but collectively they can lead to noticeable reductions in your energy bills.

Make Energy-Efficient Upgrades

Investing in energy-efficient solutions can reduce consumption long-term and increase home comfort:

LED lighting: Consumes up to 80% less energy than incandescent bulbs and lasts longer.

Smart thermostats: Automatically adjust heating and cooling based on occupancy and time of day.

High-efficiency appliances: Modern washers, dryers, refrigerators, and dishwashers use far less energy than older models.

Insulation and windows: Properly insulated walls and energy-efficient windows maintain indoor temperature, reducing the need for heating or cooling.

Additionally, consider ceiling fans to improve airflow and make rooms feel warmer in winter and cooler in summer without relying solely on your HVAC system.

Explore Renewable Energy Options

Renewable energy solutions can further reduce your reliance on traditional energy sources:

Solar panels: Reduce electricity costs and may qualify for tax incentives.

Solar water heaters: Can provide a significant portion of your hot water needs using free sunlight.

Small-scale solutions: Solar-powered outdoor lights or timers can cut energy use without a major investment.

Even partial adoption of renewable solutions can make a meaningful dif-

ference over time.

Monitor, Adjust, and Improve

Energy use isn't static—it changes with seasons, household size, and lifestyle. Regularly reviewing your bills and monitoring usage can help you spot trends and identify new opportunities to save. Keep track of changes you make, from behavior adjustments to appliance upgrades, so you can see which strategies are most effective.

Consider Professional Energy Audits

For a thorough understanding of your home's energy use, a professional energy audit can be invaluable. Auditors use specialized tools to detect leaks, inefficient systems, and hidden energy drains. They can also provide

a prioritized list of improvements tailored to your home, helping you make cost-effective decisions.

Bottom Line:

Understanding your home energy use goes beyond simply reading your bills. It's about awareness, behavior, and strategic upgrades. By tracking usage, improving habits, investing in energy-efficient appliances, and exploring renewable options, you can lower your bills, reduce your environmental impact, and make your home more comfortable year-round. Consistent monitoring and adjustments ensure that your efforts continue to pay off for years to come.



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Low-cost home improvement upgrades for your home

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Whether you're preparing to sell your home or just looking to freshen things up, there are plenty of affordable home upgrades that make a big impact. Here are our favorite budget-friendly home improvements, from quick, do-it-yourself (DIY) projects to small investments that yield high returns.

Revitalize Your Walls and Floors on a Budget

Updating your walls and floors is one of the best ways to transform your living space. These surfaces cover a large area of your home, so even small changes can make a big difference. Here are three affordable ways to update your walls and floors.

Give Your Walls a Fresh Coat of Paint

One of the most cost-effective ways to update your home is by painting. A new color can completely change the look and feel of a room, making it feel cleaner, brighter, and more modern. It's a DIY project you can tackle over a weekend without any labor costs. Choose a neutral color for a broad appeal if you're planning to sell, or go bold with an accent wall if that better expresses your personal style.

Renew Old Flooring with Paint

If replacing your flooring isn't in the budget, consider painting it. This works particularly well on wood floors but can also be applied to concrete. For a unique look, paint a light-checked pattern in beige and white to update the space without the cost of refinishing or replacing the flooring.

Install Crown Molding and Update Trim

Adding crown molding or updating your trim adds character to your home. While wood is a popular choice, there are more affordable options like polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or foam that are easier to install and better able to resist moisture. For areas humidity-prone areas, like bathrooms, PVC crown molding is a good choice. Remember to paint the molding before installation for a smoother finish.

Upgrade Your Kitchen on a Dime

The kitchen is often considered the heart of the home, and upgrading it doesn't have to cost a fortune. Here are three budget-friendly ways to give your kitchen a fresh look:

Update Cabinets Without Replacing Them

New cabinets can be expensive, but you can achieve a fresh look without replacing them entirely. One of the simplest and most affordable updates is to change the cabinet hardware. New knobs and pulls can modernize the entire kitchen. You can paint your cabinets if they need more of an overhaul.

Give Kitchen Cabinets a Flawless New Finish

If your kitchen feels dreary due to dark cabinets, a fresh coat of paint can transform it. As long as the cabinet frames and doors are structurally sound, you can convert them with some elbow grease and paint. Start by thoroughly cleaning the cabinets, then sand them lightly before applying paint. Choose a light color to brighten up the space and make it feel larger.

Install a Water Filter for Affordable Clean Water

Many households have switched to bottled water due to concerns about tap water quality. However, an under-sink water filtration system is a more cost-effective and environmentally friendly solution. These systems are relatively easy to install and provide clean, great-tasting water right from your tap. Not only will this upgrade save you money on bottled water in the long run, but it's also an attractive feature for potential buyers if you're planning to sell.

Affordably Transform Your Bathroom

Bathrooms are often overlooked when it comes to home upgrades, but small refreshes can go a long way.

Replace Bath Hardware for a Quick Facelift

Updating your bathroom hardware is a quick and easy way to give the space a new look. Replace old faucets, showerheads,



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Doing simple landscaping around the house can improve curb appeal on a budget.

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towel bars, and cabinet pulls with modern, matching pieces. This simple change can make your bathroom feel more cohesive and up-to-date. Consider switching from chrome to brushed nickel or matte black for a more contemporary look.

Prevent Mold With a Bathroom Vent Fan

Installing a ventilation fan in your bathroom does more than eliminate foggy mirrors and odors. It also helps prevent moisture-related problems like mold and mildew growth, which can be costly to remove and potentially harmful to your health. A good vent fan will keep your bathroom dry and fresh, protecting your home long-term. While we recommend professional installation, this upgrade is still relatively affordable and can significantly improve your bathroom's functionality.

Refresh Your Bathroom Caulk

Over time, the caulk around your tub, shower, and sink can become discolored or start to peel, allowing water to seep behind tiles or under fixtures. Removing old caulk and applying a fresh bead is an easy and inexpensive way to spruce up your bathroom and prevent water damage. Choose a high-quality, mold-resistant caulk for best results. This simple task can make your bathroom look cleaner and well-kept, which is especially important if you plan to sell.

Boost Your Home's Lighting and Comfort

Good lighting and temperature control can make a huge difference in your home's comfort and energy efficiency.

Upgrade Interior and Exterior Lighting

Updating your home's lighting can drastically improve its ambiance and functionality. Start by replacing old bulbs with energy-efficient LED lights. These not only use less energy but also provide better illumination. Installing well-placed outdoor lights can elevate safety and curb appeal. For energy savings, look into solar-powered options for outdoor lighting.

Install Ceiling Fans for Year-Round Savings

Ceiling fans are a great investment for summer and winter. In warm months, they create cooling breezes that reduce the strain on air conditioners. In winter, they can be reversed to circulate warm air and keep rooms

cozy. Installing a ceiling fan is a pretty simple DIY project, especially if you're replacing an existing light fixture. The energy savings from reduced HVAC usage can quickly offset the fan cost.

Make Shade and Add Privacy with Interior Shutters

Interior shutters are a stylish alternative to curtains or blinds. They create excellent light control and privacy while adding an architectural design element to your windows. Shutters are particularly effective at keeping out winter drafts and summer heat, potentially lowering your energy bills. While custom shutters can be pricey, there are more affordable, ready-made options available that you can install yourself.

Elevate Your Home's Curb Appeal On a Budget

First impressions matter, so here are three ways to enhance your home's exterior on a budget.

Improve Landscaping

A well-maintained landscape is one of the best ways to boost curb appeal. Start with simple things, like pruning overgrown shrubs, adding fresh mulch to garden beds, and planting colorful flowers near the entrance. Consider installing low-cost landscape lighting to highlight your home's best features at night. For a cohesive look, make sure your lawn is well-manicured and consider adding a few potted plants to your porch or entryway.

Refinish Your Home's Wood Door

Your front door is one of the first things people notice about your home. If you have a wood door that's seen better days, refinishing it can turn it into a focal point. Start by removing old varnish or paint, then sand the surface smooth. Apply a fresh coat of stain or paint, and finish with a protective clear coat. This project can typically be completed in a weekend and will give your home's entrance a fresh, welcoming look.

Get More Flowers Without Spending Any Money

Dividing perennials is an excellent way to multiply your garden's beauty without spending a dime. Many popular perennials, like daylilies, can be divided every few years. This not only gives you more plants but also helps control their size and reinvigorate growth. The best time to divide most perennials is in late summer or early fall. This simple gardening technique can help you create a lush, colorful landscape on a budget.

Maximize Storage and Functionality Without Breaking the Bank

Efficient storage and functional spaces make any home more comfortable, and you don't need major renovations to achieve them.

Create Custom Storage Areas

Adding storage doesn't have to mean a major construction project. Look for underutilized spaces in your home, such as below the stairs or in awkward corners, and consider how you can turn them into usable storage areas. This could be as simple as adding shelves or as complex as building custom cabinets. For example, a window seat with built-in storage can provide both a comfy place to read and an area to store seasonal items.

Install Built-In Bookshelves

Built-in bookshelves add both storage and character to a room. They're particularly effective around a fireplace or in a home office. While custom built-ins can be expensive, there are more affordable DIY options. Consider using premade bookcases and adding trim to give them a built-in look. This project can increase your storage space and add value to your home.

Lay Low-Cost Flooring in Laundries and Mudrooms

Utility spaces like laundry rooms and mudrooms often get overlooked, but updating their flooring can make these areas more useful and stylish. Vinyl tiles are an affordable and durable option that's easy to install yourself. They come in a variety of colors and patterns, allowing you to create a custom look.

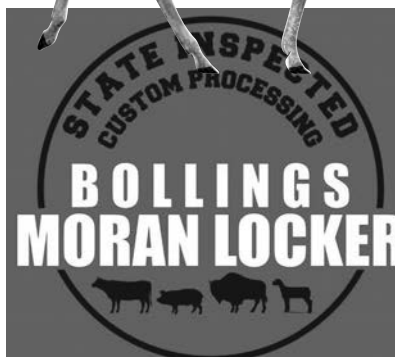
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How to winterize your home: Top 10 tips

Written By Leah Leitow

As the temperature drops and winter approaches, it's time to prepare your home for the chilly months ahead.

Winterizing isn't about staying warm—it's about protecting your home from the elements and saving money on energy bills.

With our helpful checklist, you can easily tick off these winterization tasks. Here are the top 10 ways to prepare your home for winter while keeping it manageable!

Top 10 Checklist to Winterize Your Home

1. Seal Up the Drafts

Drafty windows and doors can let in cold air, making your home feel like a fridge. Use weatherstripping, caulk, or draft stoppers to seal up gaps around windows, doors, and any other openings. Tip: Light a candle and hold it near doors and windows. If the flame flickers, you've got a draft!

2. Insulate Your Pipes

Burst pipes can be a winter nightmare, so insulate any exposed pipes in your basement, crawl space, or attic. This will help prevent freezing and costly repairs.

Pro Tip: Foam pipe sleeves are a quick and inexpensive solution that anyone can install.

3. Insulate and Encapsulate Your Crawl Space

Winter is the perfect time to ensure that your crawl space is well-prepared for the colder months. Adding thermal insulation and encapsulation can help keep your home warmer, reduce energy

costs, and prevent pipes from freezing. Cost Saver: Sealing out drafts and insulating the area can save up to 30% on energy costs.

4. Clean Out the Gutters

Fallen leaves can clog gutters, leading to ice dams and potential leaks. If you feel comfortable, grab a ladder and clear out any debris to ensure water flows freely. Consider contacting a professional for this task.

Remember: This one can get messy, so grab some gloves and maybe even some tunes to make it enjoyable.

5. Check the Furnace and Replace Filters

You don't want to be stuck with a broken furnace when it's below freezing. Schedule a professional inspection and replace the furnace filters to keep your system running efficiently.

Fun Fact: Regularly replacing your furnace filter can improve air quality and save you money on energy bills!

6. Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Winter is a peak season for house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning, especially with heaters running. Test your detectors to ensure they're functioning correctly.

Safety First: Keep extra batteries on hand, just in case.

7. Prepare Your Outdoor Faucets and Hoses

Disconnect and drain garden hoses, then shut off the valves to outdoor faucets. Insulating faucet covers can protect against freezing temperatures.

Winterization Tip: If you have a sprinkler system, it's a good idea to winterize

that too.

Snow shovel stuck on uneven concrete

8. Inspect Your Concrete

Check your concrete surfaces for any cracks or uneven slabs. Driveway cracks allow water to seep in, which can freeze and worsen the damage over time. Uneven sidewalk slabs not only look unsightly but can also make shoveling snow a lot harder than it needs to be.

Maintenance Tip: Fixing these issues with concrete lifting before winter hits can prevent further damage and make snow removal a breeze!

9. Reverse Your Ceiling Fans

This simple trick can help circulate warm air that rises to the ceiling back down into your living space. Flip the switch on your ceiling fan to rotate it clockwise.

Energy Saver: Reversing your fan can save you on heating costs!

10. Check Your Chimney and Stock Up on Firewood

Cozy fires are one of the best parts of winter, but a dirty chimney can be a safety hazard. Have your chimney cleaned professionally, and stock up on firewood if you use your fireplace.



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Cleaning gutters can prevent clogs which could end up leading to leaks.

Hot Tip: Keep a basket of firewood handy, so you're ready to stoke the fire at any time.

Get Your Home Winter-Ready and Cozy All Season Long

By completing these steps, you'll know exactly how to winterize your home and keep it cozy all season long.

Winterizing doesn't have to be a chore—it's a chance to ensure your home is safe, warm, and ready to withstand the elements. If you need help with the non-DIY items, contact Groundworks for all your winterization needs.

So, bundle up, enjoy the process, and make the most of winter this year!

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Top 10 tips for effective pest rodent control at home

By AmericanSPCC.org

Rodents in the home can cause significant damage and pose health risks. From chewing wires to spreading diseases, these tiny invaders can be a major nuisance. Thankfully, with the right approach, you can effectively prevent and control rodents at home. In this article, we'll cover 10 essential tips for keeping your home rodent-free. Read on to learn how to protect your space from these pesky intruders.

Why Rodent Control is Essential

Rodent infestations can escalate quickly. Mice and rats can reproduce rapidly, and before you know it, what started as a minor problem can turn into a full-blown infestation. Beyond the obvious damage to property, rodents can spread harmful diseases like leptospirosis, salmonella, and hantavirus. Effective pest control is crucial to protect both your health and your home.

Common Rodent Species in Homes

In most homes, the primary culprits are house mice, Norway rats, and roof rats. Each of these species has unique behaviors, but they all share a common trait—they're persistent! Knowing which species you're dealing with can help tailor your rodent control methods. Mice tend to nest in hidden corners, while rats prefer burrowing outside but will enter homes for food.

Tip 1: Seal Entry Points Inspecting and Sealing Gaps and Cracks

The first step in any rodent control plan is sealing up entry points. Rodents can squeeze through incredibly small gaps, so thorough inspection is key.

Check for holes in walls, gaps around windows, and cracks in doors. A simple fix like using caulk or steel wool can make a huge difference. Elite Pest and Termite Control can help identify and seal any hard-to-find entry points, ensuring that your home remains rodent-free.

Tip 2: Keep Your Home Clean Eliminating Food and Water Sources

Cleanliness is your best weapon against rodents. Rodents are opportunistic feeders, and if they find food or water sources in your home, they'll stick around. Make sure to store food in airtight containers, wipe up spills immediately, and clean under appliances regularly. Don't forget to empty trash bins frequently and keep them covered.

Importance of Proper Waste Management

Keeping garbage outside and away from your home reduces the chances of attracting rodents. A well-maintained garbage area prevents easy access to food scraps and keeps rodents from making your home their own personal buffet.

Tip 3: Use Rodent Traps Different Types of Rodent Traps

Traps are an effective, humane way to catch rodents. Snap traps, glue traps, and live traps each have their pros and cons. Snap traps kill rodents instantly, while live traps allow you to release them elsewhere. Choose the right trap for your situation and make sure it's placed in areas where you've noticed rodent activity, like near walls or in dark corners.

Placing Traps in the Right Locations Place traps along walls or in areas with droppings or gnaw marks. Rodents tend

to run along edges, so placing traps in these locations increases your chances of success. Remember to check traps frequently to avoid leaving dead rodents around the house.

Tip 4: Use Rodent Repellents Natural vs. Chemical Repellents

Repellents can be a good preventive measure. According to the experts at Wholesale Botanics, natural repellents like peppermint oil, vinegar, and cloves are popular, as rodents dislike strong smells. Chemical repellents, on the other hand, tend to have stronger odors and can be more effective, but they should be used with caution in homes with pets or small children.

Choosing the Best Repellent for Your Home

Depending on your preferences and needs, you can choose between natural and chemical options. Consider using a combination of both for long-term protection. Natural options are safer for homes with children and pets, but chemical repellents can be more potent for severe infestations.

Tip 5: Keep the Outdoors Clean Managing Yard Waste and Debris

Rodents don't just come from inside your house—they can also be attracted from the outdoors. Piles of leaves, wood, or even a cluttered yard can serve as perfect nesting sites. By keeping your yard clean and free of debris, you reduce potential homes for rodents and make your property less inviting. If you're storing tools or supplies outdoors, consider using shed kits to keep everything securely enclosed and protected from rodents.

Importance of Maintaining a Well-Mowed Lawn

A well-maintained lawn is not only visually appealing but also less inviting to rodents. Long grass provides perfect hiding spots for rodents, so keep it trimmed and neat. This simple step can go a long way in reducing rodent activity around your home.

Tip 6: Professional Pest Control Services When to Call in the Experts

If you're facing a severe infestation or struggling to control rodents despite your efforts, it might be time to call in the professionals. Elite pest and termite control can offer expert advice and more advanced solutions. Pest control experts have access to specialized tools and knowledge that can effectively eliminate rodents from your home. They can also advise on long-term prevention strategies.

Tip 7: Rodent-Proof Your Garden Barrier Methods for Preventing Rodents in Your Garden

Gardens are often a prime target for rodents looking for food. By installing barriers like fences, wire mesh, or netting around your garden, you can discourage rodents from entering. These physical barriers are an effective and sustainable way to protect your plants and vegetables.

Tip 8: Use Baits and Poison Wisely Safety Considerations When Using Rodent Poison

Rodent baits and poison can be an effective tool for controlling infestations, but they must be used with care. Poison can pose a risk to pets and children, so

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Fall lawn care: Essential tips to protect your yard

By Thomas Baker

As temperatures cool and leaves fall, now's the time to prepare your lawn for winter. A little effort in autumn can mean a lush, green yard come spring.

Why Fall Care Matters

Fall maintenance strengthens root systems, improves disease resistance, and helps grass store nutrients for the months ahead.

Clear Leaves and Debris

Leaves can block sunlight and trap moisture, suffocating grass. Rake or use a blower weekly during peak leaf fall, or mulch leaves with your mower to return nutrients to the soil.

Keep Mowing

Continue mowing until the first frost, keeping grass about 2.5-3 inches tall. This length protects roots and prevents matting under snow.

Water Wisely

Grass still needs about 1 inch of water per week in fall. Water deeply but less often, and continue until the ground freezes.

Aerate and Overseed

Aeration relieves soil compaction and boosts root health. It's also the best time to overseed thin or bare areas—seed after aerating for better soil contact. Keep the soil moist until seeds germinate.

Fertilize for Strength

Apply a slow-release fertilizer (such as 24-0-10) in mid to late fall to build strong roots and improve cold resistance. Water afterward to help nutrients absorb.



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Fall lawn care is important for a better lawn come Springtime.

Control Weeds

Apply a broadleaf herbicide to tackle dandelions and clover, or hand-pull weeds for an ecofriendly approach. Avoid treating newly seeded areas.

Prepare Equipment

Clean and sharpen mower blades, drain hoses, and store tools in a dry place. Winterizing now prevents spring repairs.

Common Fall Problems

Watch for fungal diseases like snow mold—avoid overwatering and keep grass at the right height. Check for grubs or other pests and treat as needed.

Quick Schedule

- Early Fall: Mow regularly, manage weeds.

- Mid Fall: Aerate, overseed, fertilize.

- Late Fall: Final mowing, leaf cleanup, store tools.

A consistent fall routine ensures your lawn stays healthy through winter and ready to thrive in spring.

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cleaning can make concrete appear five years newer.

“It adds curb appeal for a fraction of the cost of resurfacing. It is one of those projects where sweat equity multiplies return,” says Niemela.

It'll cost you \$50 to \$100 for a pressure washer rental, if you don't have one.

Replace cabinet knobs and drawer pulls

“Even switching out cabinet knobs or drawer pulls for around \$3 to \$5 each, can give your kitchen or bathrooms a fresh look without the significant expense of an overhaul,” says Rhodes.

If you have plans to sell, rest assured buyers will notice and appreciate these types of small updates.

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always place baits in secure locations and follow all safety instructions. Be cautious and consider using tamper-resistant bait stations.

Tip 9: Monitor and Inspect Regularly

Setting Up a Regular Inspection Schedule

Regular inspection is crucial to preventing and controlling rodent activity. Check for signs of rodents—like droppings, gnaw marks, or nesting materials—on a monthly basis. Early detection helps stop infestations before they become overwhelming.

Tip 10: Educate Your Family Teaching Everyone About Rodent Prevention

Prevention is a team effort. Make sure everyone in your household knows the importance of keeping the home clean, sealing entry points, and reporting signs of rodents. When everyone is on board, rodent control becomes much easier and more effective.

Final Thoughts on Rodent Control Keeping rodents at bay requires a proactive approach and ongoing effort. Whether you're tackling the issue yourself or seeking professional help from pest control Birmingham experts, following these 10 tips can significantly reduce the chances of an infestation and protect your home and family from the health risks associated with rodents. Regular cleaning, maintenance, and vigilance are the key to keeping these pests away for good.

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10 major benefits of using a power washer around your home

by Superiorxterior.com

Over time, dirt, grime, mold, and other buildup can take over your home's exterior, leaving it looking old and uninviting. But here's the good news – pressure washing is a quick and effective way to restore your home's beauty, protect it from damage, and keep it in great shape. Not only does pressure washing make your home sparkle, but it also helps prevent costly repairs, improves safety, and even increases your property's value. Learn the top 10 benefits of pressure washing and why is one of the best things you can do for your home.

Benefits of Pressure Washing

1. Restores Your Home's Beauty

Regular pressure washing removes layers of dirt, algae, and grime, making your home look fresh and well-maintained. It's like hitting the refresh button on your property's exterior!

2. Boosts Property Value

A clean, attractive home is worth more. Pressure washing improves your home's curb appeal, which can increase its value if you're thinking of selling.

3. Prevents Long-Term Damage

Mold, mildew, and dirt can cause damage to your siding, paint, and even concrete. Regular cleaning prevents these issues and saves you money on repairs.

4. Creates a Healthier Home Environment

Pressure washing eliminates mold, mildew, and allergens that can negatively impact your family's health, especially if they enter your indoor air.

5. Saves Time and Effort

Instead of spending hours scrubbing by hand, pressure washing delivers

quick, professional results in a fraction of the time.

6. Eco-Friendly Cleaning

Pressure washing uses less water and fewer chemicals than traditional cleaning methods, making it a green choice for maintaining your home.

7. Preps Surfaces for Projects

Planning to repaint or stain your deck? Pressure washing ensures a clean surface so your new paint or stain sticks properly.

8. Extends the Life of Exterior Materials

From siding to decks, keeping surfaces clean helps them last longer by preventing damage caused by dirt and grime buildup.

9. Improves Safety Around Your Home

Slippery algae-covered driveways and mossy patios can be dangerous. Pressure washing removes these hazards, making your home safer.

10. Removes Pest Nests and Webs

Spiders, insects, and other pests love dirty corners. Pressure washing gets rid of webs, nests, and other signs of pests around your home.

Conclusion

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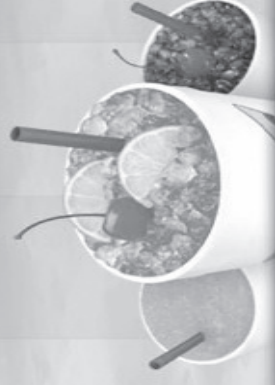
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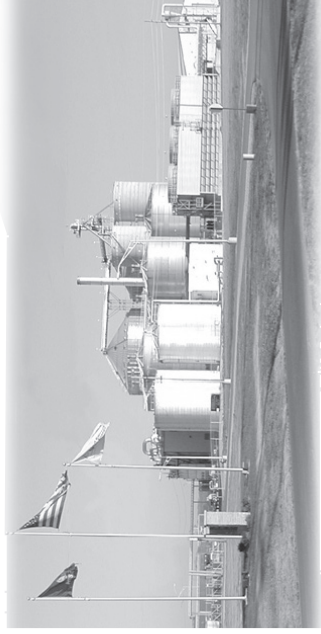
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