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Kansas Department of Transportation officials say the roundabout expansion project south of Garnett at the junction of U.S. 59 and 169 is on schedule and still expected to open in July 2026. The \$5.9

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 11-27-2025 / **KDOT** Photo million project began in May and was awarded Clarkson Construction Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

SNAP work requirements take effect in December

Gov. Kelly continues to dodge demand for info as feds try to curtail fraud, abuse

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Proposed work requirements for SNAP recipients in Anderson County that were originally planned to go into effect with November payments was postponed from the federal program, though they're expected to be in full force with the December benefit distribution.

The work requirement change backlights the ongoing controversy between Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and the Trump Administration over Kelly's conspicuous denial of information on the Kansas SNAP program after it was requested by USDA officials, pursuing Trump's promise to root out fraud and abuse in the famously leaky SNAP program.

The work requirement and ongoing SNAP controversies affect about 450 Anderson County residents who receive federal

food assistance every month, but the strife between the Trump Administration and Governor Kelly over SNAP oversight could introduce new instability into the program.

According to data published in the Kansas Statistical Abstract by the Institute for Policy & Social Research at the University of Kansas, Anderson County averaged 449 SNAP beneficiaries per month in 2024, with a total of \$930,680 in annual benefits.

That amounts to roughly \$77,560 in monthly SNAP spending in Anderson County.

This fall, the Trump Administration—through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)—announced plans to require all SNAP recipients nationwide to re-apply for benefits, part

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Feds: \$10.5 billion in annual SNAP fraud

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Billions of dollars flowing into the nation's food assistance program with questionable oversight has resulted in what the government says is some \$10.5 billion per year in fraud - about 11.7 percent of the taxpayer funded program - attributable to both incompetent administration

and outright fraud by recipients and vendors.

The pursuit of fraud in the SNAP program is the lynchpin in the latest round of efforts to clean up the program by confirming that recipients are legitimate and that those paying out the money are honest. So far in Kansas that effort's been

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Nagging injury retires Garnett's last barber

GARNETT - After 62 years cutting hair, Larry Varvel is hanging up the clippers at Larry's Barbershop in downtown Garnett.

But it wasn't his idea. At the age of 83, a shoulder injury from a fall he took last July just isn't going to improve, his doctors say.

"It's not because I want to," Varvel told the Review this week. "But after having an MRI and seeing the orthopedic doctor, my right shoulder is not going to get any better as

far as strength for lifting," he said. "We came here 35 years ago and would like to thank everyone for their loyalty. We will miss you all, plus all the good times."

Larry said he has no idea how many haircuts he's done in 62 years. A Burlington native, he started out in 1963 a few years behind his brother Gordon who also pursued the profession in the Johnson County area before he moved



Larry Varvel

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Christmas parade honors heroes, Nungessers

GARNETT - Civic groups, churches, local businesses and other organizations will fill the streets this Saturday for the 55th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, with the theme "A Christmas Tribute To Our Heroes."

Line-up for parade entries is 5 p.m. at Ray Meyer Gym on North Oak Street with the parade set to begin with a countdown to lights on the Garnett Square at 6 p.m.

As always, reports are that the Jolly Ole' Elf himself will make an



Don & Lena Nungesser

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SEKMHC trustees double down on even higher exec salaries

While commissioners fume, mental health district board jacks Fawson's pay to \$889,000

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA - The executive salaries at Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center which prompted the organization's virtual defunding by the six counties in its service region skyrocketed again in 2024 according to tax documents, boosting its executive director's compensation from more than \$600,000 to over \$889,000 annually.

Nathan Fawson's salary - which in 2023 was the highest of any of Kansas' 26 state mental health center divisions according to those respective tax filings - led significant hikes in all SEK's executive positions in 2024. Those salary increases came in a fiscal year that saw the organization's revenues nearly double - primarily due to additional federal Medicaid patient billings and insurance billings from its own expansion into non-mental health services.

The previous year's salary revela-

tions aggravated county commissioners in those six counties, who took steps to substantially reduce or zero fund their previous commitments to SEK, saying if the organization could afford those salaries it didn't need county funds which could be spent on local needs.



Fawson

SEK's IRS Form 990 tax filing for fiscal 2024 offers a detailed look at the non-profit's rapid expansion, growing cash reserves, high executive compensation, and its transformation into a major regional health provider heavily dependent on federal Medicaid dollars. It also confirms an increase in management salary levels which prompted the member counties, which previously kicked in some \$90,000 apiece or more on average, to pull their funding for 2026.

Dana Spencer, one of Anderson County's appointed board members

and the most senior member of the SEK trustees, told county commissioners in June the exponential revenue increases were due to a change in SEK's federal certification in 2022 that allowed it to drastically increase its billings to Medicaid. That increase in revenue brought a compensation study from consultants in Arizona which recommended large salary increases to key management, which Spencer said the board of trustees approved.

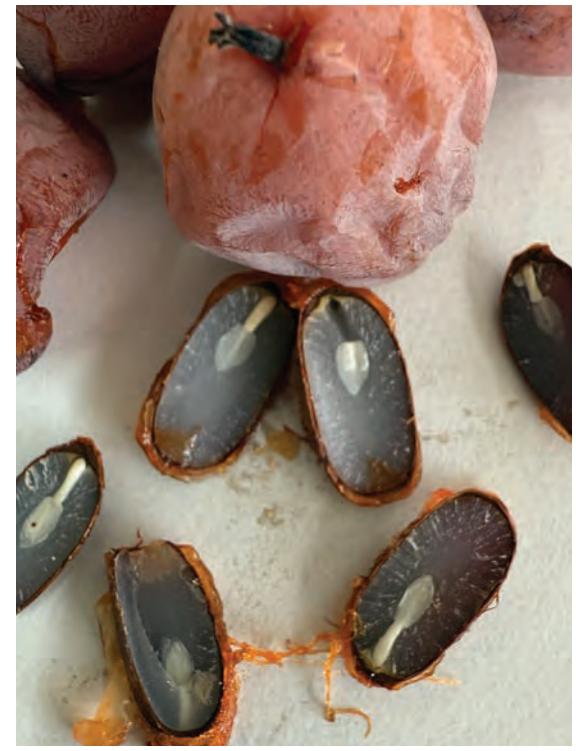
Anderson County Commissioners in October dismissed Melanie Wallace, the county's newest SEK trustee, and replaced her with commissioner Mike Blaufuss. They did not replace Spencer.

SEKMHC reported \$66.3 million in revenue for 2024, up from \$37.4 million the previous year, a 77% jump. Expenses increased as well but at a slower pace, rising from \$38 million to \$54.8 million, resulting in an \$11.6 million surplus and an operating margin approaching 18 percent.

That financial cushion pushed total assets from \$15.6 million to \$27 million according to the tax filing, while liabil-

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Uh-oh: Looks like spoons



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 11-27-2025 / **DANE HICKS** Folklore declares spoons in fall persimmon seeds warn of a snowy winter to come, and that was the signal from these fruits brought to the Review office by a reader this week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CHRISTMAS PARADE
The GACC 55th annual Christmas parade and lighting ceremony will be on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown square.

WE'RE PLAYING HOOKY
With the early publication of this week's newspaper and family Thanksgiving chores to be done, The Anderson County Review will be closed from noon Wednesday through Monday morning. Phone messages and email will be checked periodically.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDRAISER
The Richmond Public Library will be having a Fundraiser dinner and raffle on Saturday, December 6th. The dinner will be chicken or beef and noodle dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll and dessert for \$10.00. This will be held at the Richmond Community Building from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

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
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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on November 17, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Resolutions
Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Blaufuss seconded to approve resolution 2025-20 waiving Anderson County, Kansas from the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1120(A) of state requirements to use generally accepted accounting principles. All voted yes. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Blaufuss seconded to approve resolution 2025-21 allowing the salaries of elected official of Anderson County, Kansas for 2025. All voted yes.

General Election Tie Breakers
Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She presented tie breakers for the City of Kincaid Councilmember and City of Lone Elm Councilmember final seat. James Kiefer and Mark Hunziger were candidates for City of Kincaid Councilmember with 1 vote each. Commissioner McGhee drew randomly and selected James Kiefer. Lorrie Morrison, Kendra Louk, and Austin Louk were candidates for City of Lone Elm Councilmember with 1 vote each. Commissioner Blaufuss randomly drew a name from a hat and selected Kendra Louk. Julie Wettstein will contact the winners.

Frontier Extension District Update
Rebecca McFarland, Director, met with the commission. She gave a quarterly report on the district.

Public Comment
Dorothy Miller, Angela McSpadden, Monica Hill, and Rose Marie Turner met with the commission. The citizens voiced their concerns regarding tree clearing at 1450 Rd & NW Mitchell Rd. Angela McSpadden would like the work to be paused while the commissioners considered safety concerns that may arise now as well as possible flooding and erosion concerns. Monica Hill stated the county has cleared passed the easement and right of way onto her property. The commissioners will review the work with Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, and assess how much more work needs to be done.

City of Garnett
Travis Wilson, Garnett City Manager, met with the commission. He notified the commission that their water department dug up the hole on the corner of 4th and Main and found the storm water drain has been punctured.

The commission agreed to have the City of Garnett fix the drain and fill in the hole. Travis will send Julie Wettstein an estimated cost of the repair to present to the commission so the county can reimburse the city.

Executive Session
Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege for 15 minutes. All voted yes.

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

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED
Addie Joyce Heck, Westphalia, and Eldon Ray Riffey, Schuykill, Pennsylvania, have filled out an application for a marriage license.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED
Steven Nicholas Carroll has been charged with attempted driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Shyann Mckay Weymouth has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Frank B Fisher has been charged with speeding 45 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Willian Euseda Machado has been charged with driving under the influence, operating a motor vehicle without a license, transporting an open container and operating a vehicle without registration or w/expired tag.

Peggy Ann McGregor has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to dim headlights.

Kevin Max Salas has been charged with speeding 89 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Kaden Hunter Lamb has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Donald Ignatius Dudenhoeffer has been charged with following another vehicle too closely.

Kealeah Jane Wilson has been charged with speeding 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Lake Anthony Karleskint has been charged with failure to wear a seatbelt (18+ yoa).

Lewis Danier Hill has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Martinez Rivas Vicente has been charged with operating a vehicle without a valid drivers license.

Johnathan Tyler Lynn has been charged with operating a vehicle without proper registration.

Marnysarel Sanchez has been charged with speeding 87 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Sheldon Jamie Miller has been charged with failure to wear a seatbelt (18+ yoa).

Shan Allen Miller has been charged with failure to wear a seatbelt (18+ yoa).

Stephen Samuel Lowery has been charged with speeding 100 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Dale Junior Laru has been charged with speeding 60 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Douglas Allan Fink has been charged with failure to wear a

seatbelt (18+ yoa). Ricky Lee Sumner has been charged with speeding 40 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Wayne Leland Adams has been charged with speeding 51 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Donaldo Raymond Luis has been charged with driving under the influence and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED

On November 19, Kerry Julian Burgoon was arrested for a probation violation.

On November 19, Genaro Zavala was arrested for failure to appear.

On November 20, Jana Rose Speedone was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On November 21, Brandon Scott Riley was arrested for driving while habitual violator.

On November 21, Joseph Henry Wilper was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On November 21, Elizabeth Erin Leake was arrested for criminal use of weapons, distribute certain stimulants, interference with law enforcement and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On November 22, Angel Ivan Rodriguez Patlan was arrested for drivers license required and for not having vehicle registration.

On November 22, Marcas Montgomery McSwane was arrested for two counts of aggravated arson, criminal damage to property, criminal deprivation of property; motor vehicle, criminal use of explosives; create to intimidate, DUI, driving while suspended and transporting an open container.

On November 24, Lacy Jean Michael was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

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.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of September 3, 2025)

Jesse John King was booked into jail on March 25, 2025.

Trevor Floyd Summers was booked into jail on September 2, 2025.

PARADE...

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appearance at the parade. This year the chamber pays tribute to one of its own local heroes with the designation of Don Nungesser and his wife Lena as parade grand marshals.

For decades, Don Nungesser has been one of the most familiar and steady figures in Anderson County's emergency services community. From the back of an ambulance to the coroner's office to local civic boards, Nungesser's fingerprints are on nearly every corner of public safety in the county.

Nungesser began his career with Anderson County EMS decades ago, rising through the ranks to serve as the department's Director before transitioning into his current role as an Apparatus Operator. His work has placed him at scenes ranging from major vehicle crashes to medical emergencies in every corner of the county.

In addition to his EMS duties, Nungesser serves as a Deputy Coroner for the Kansas 4th Judicial District, assisting in death investigations and working closely with law enforcement, medical personnel, and the county attorney's

office. He has also previously served as a Reserve Deputy with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, reflecting a lifetime of broad public-safety service.

Nungesser's professional background extends beyond emergency response. He has worked as an IT Site Analyst for Saint Luke's Health Care System, bringing technical and systems expertise to the region's hospital network.

His long list of contributions has not gone unnoticed. Anderson County EMS nominated him for EMS Support Person of the Year at the state level in 2024, recognizing his reliability, professionalism, and the institutional knowledge he brings to the service.

Beyond emergency response, Nungesser is also active in local infrastructure planning as a member of the Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board, where he serves a term through 2025.

Colleagues describe Nungesser as the go-to person for nearly anything involving EMS operations, local emergency history, or county protocols.

Shorter days, same goals: How to stay motivated this season

MILWAUKEE, WIS – As the days get shorter and darkness arrives earlier, it's easy for motivation and energy to fade along with the sunlight.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly SM), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss.®" philosophy, believes that a potential lack of drive doesn't mean you have to experience a setback in your weight loss progress. With a few adjustments, you can stay consistent no matter how short the days feel. Here are a few tips to keep you on track.

Brighten Your Day
Shorter daylight affects your circadian rhythm, which can leave you feeling less energetic. Get bright light or sunlight within 30 - 60 minutes of waking. Go for a short walk to soak up some daylight or use a light therapy lamp for 30 minutes if it's dark where you live.

Receiving a proper amount of light helps reset your internal clock and stabilizes appetite-regulating hormones like ghrelin (the hunger hormone) and

leptin (the fullness hormone).

Prioritize Sleep
Even though it gets darker earlier, it's important to stick to the same sleep schedule you had earlier this year. Go to bed and wake up at the same times, even on the weekends. This will help those appetite hormones stay in check.

Research suggests that seven to nine hours of sleep a night is appropriate. If you feel like you're not getting enough sleep, wind down earlier, quit drinking coffee after noon, avoid alcohol before bedtime, and limit late-night screen time.

Stick to a Meal Structure
During these colder months, lean into winter's warm, lower-calorie foods like soups, stews, roasted veggies, and herbal tea. If you find that doesn't completely satisfy you, aim for high protein and high fiber choices, like lean meats, eggs, or Greek yogurt, which will help you feel full faster and longer.

Watch for emotional or "winter boredom" eating. Ask yourself before you grab a snack if you're hungry, or if you're just tired.

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SMITH

SEPTEMBER 1, 1991 — NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Micah Lawrence James Smith, age 34, of Gardner, Kansas, passed away unexpectedly on November 19, 2025. He was born on September 1, 1991, in Ottawa, Kansas, the younger of twins by one minute to his sister Cassie, something she never let him forget. Known within his family as "Only One Micah," he carried a presence that left an imprint everywhere he went.

Raised in the country near Lone Elm on 500 Road, Micah loved nature from a young age. As a boy, he spent hours talking to a favorite tree in the yard, forming a quiet connection to the world around him. That same appreciation for the earth followed him into adulthood. He had a green thumb and took pride in nurturing anything he grew, always sharing the fruits of his efforts with the people he loved. He believed deeply in the magic of his hometown of Lone Elm, seeing it as a place where growth, connection, and community lived.

Micah attended Crest High School, graduating with the class of 2010, and later studied Business at Fort Hays State University, where many of his favorite "Hays Days" memories were made and where he formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. Professionally, he worked as a Revenue Cycle Architect, approaching his work with the same dedication, reliability, and relentless effort that defined him in every part of life. He was widely regarded as one of the hardest-working men anyone knew, gifted with a natural intelligence that made him the person people turned to first, whether they needed an answer, an explanation, or just a good laugh. His brother Adam fondly called him a "Human Thesaurus," and many described him as eloquent, creative, and profoundly thoughtful. He had a laugh that was contagious, a smile that could pull anyone out of a dark moment, and a sense of humor that never failed to lift a room.

His hugs were legendary, big, genuine, and unforgettable. Everyone knew that when Micah walked toward you, a hug was coming. He felt deeply for others, gave grace easily, took no offense, and never held a grudge. Even when social cues slipped past him, his charm, sincerity, and "awkwardly lovable" nature made him cherished by all.

Micah's family was especially surprised when he decided to go out for football. Concerned that he lacked a bit of grace, they worried how he would fare, but during his very first game, the community was stunned at how many tackles he made. He went on to play in the Shrine Bowl and All Star games, and his family, especially his father Jesse, took immense pride in watching him excel in a sport he loved, and manage to stay on his feet.

Jesse, his father, took Micah, Cassie, and their older sister Elizabeth into his life as his own, not just by choice but by calling. He wanted to be their father no matter the obstacle, and his bond with Micah was uniquely strong. He often said that Jesse taught him how to connect with people, a gift that became one of the defining traits of his life. Micah also loved capturing life in video form, a passion he inherited from his mother, Lauren. It brought him joy and allowed him to preserve the moments he cherished most for himself and for those he loved.

Micah also shared a special bond with his late stepmother, Sharon, who lovingly took him under her wing after the passing of his mother, Lauren. She stepped into his life with steady compassion, offering comfort, guidance, and a presence that felt safe during a time of deep loss. Their connection grew into something uniquely meaningful to both of them, a relationship built not by circumstance alone, but by

genuine care, understanding, and the quiet way they chose to show up for one another. Sharon became an anchor in Micah's life, and he held their bond close to his heart.



Smith

Micah was deeply connected to his family and friends. His best friend Jesse described him as "Pooh Bear" due to his bumbling personality, immense love and loyalty for his friends and family, and his continuous need to further explore and educate himself about the world. The energy Micah brought to this world has impacted so many, and that energy will continue to flow through us, his beloved children, friends and family for the rest of our lives. Micah was always about living in the moment, so when you stop to take on the beauty of the world, share the moment with him. His friend Nick admired him as a true student of the world, curious, wise beyond his years, fascinated by the past, and fully present in the beauty of everyday moments. His friend Tyson described him as loving, spontaneous, the "human google", and eccentric. There was never a dull moment when he was around. He loved with all his whole heart and gave the best hugs. Kristen, a close friend would describe him simply just as, "A dang good person."

Micah's siblings recall countless memories, watching Chiefs games with his brothers Adam and Brad, sharing life's highs and lows with his sisters Cassie and Emily, and always being the one others sought for guidance. Emily describes him as profoundly intelligent, thoughtful, and blessed with an infectious laugh; Cassie remembers him as her other half, inseparable from the moment they were born. Whenever Cassie felt a need to share what she felt was important, funny, or really anything, it was always shared with Micah

first. It was his input and opinion that she treasured and sought out most in any situation.

Above all else, Micah's heart belonged to his two children, Scarlett, age 8, and Rowan, age 5. They were the center of his world, the focus of every decision, and the reason behind the warmth that filled his home. His apartment was decorated entirely for them, and you would think they were the only ones who lived there. He adored them with a depth that shaped every part of who he was.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lauren (Lavy) Smith and sister Elizabeth Smith, whom he loved dearly.

Micah is survived by his two children, Scarlett and Rowan; his father Jesse and wife Jerri Smith; his siblings, Cassie and husband Gerald Morrison, Adam Smith, Brad and wife Sarah Smith, and Emily Smith; Best Friends, Jesse, Sydnie, Jordan, Nick, and Tyson; Micah will also be missed greatly by his nieces, nephews, as well as many extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Micah's Life will take place on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., at the Colony Christian Church, in Colony, Kansas 211 Catalpa Street, Colony, Kansas 66015.

In honor of Micah's lifelong passion for growing things, his family shares that while flowers are welcome, plants are preferred. Nurturing something living, watching it grow, and sharing its beauty was something he loved, and they hope others will continue that tradition in his memory.

Memorial Contributions in Micah's honor may be made to Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, with Micah's name as the memo. These contributions will go towards the cost of services, and supporting his children, and be left in the Care of Feuerborn Family Funeral Service.

HADSALL

OCTOBER 3, 1927 — NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Robert L. Hadsall, age 98, of Richmond, Kansas, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 20, 2025.



Hadsall

Bob was born on October 3, 1927, in Osawatimie, Kansas, to Clyde and Florence (Buchanan) Hadsall, the eldest of five children. He graduated from Belton High School with the Class of 1945 and proudly served his country, first in the United States Navy and later in the Army. Following his military service, Bob entered the workforce at the Hercules Army Ammunition Plant, where he met the love of his life. The moment he saw Margaret, he knew she was the one, declaring, "I'm going to marry her," and the rest, as they say, was history. Bob and Margaret L. McCall were united in marriage on February 17, 1953, in Richmond, Kansas, and their union was blessed with two daughters. In 1960 they moved to the farm where Margaret was raised, a place they lovingly made their home for the rest of their lives. Bob and Margaret shared 63 devoted years of marriage until her passing in 2021.

Bob's first passion in life was farming, a calling he embraced wholeheartedly throughout his years. He was truly a jack of all trades, working as a welder, mail carrier, carpenter, and electrician, and using his many talents to create cherished pieces for his family, including porcelain dolls, stained glass, and countless handmade items. Bob also had a deep love for photography and spent time working for Wright's in Ottawa. If he set his mind to something, he accomplished it—he was a man capable of doing just about anything. Bob was continually active in the

Richmond community, contributing to community building projects, putting on the Richmond dances with Margaret, enjoying square dancing and round dancing in Ottawa, Kansas, and surrounding areas, and acted in Old West reenactments. His dedication, creativity, and service left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Family was everything to Bob. He enjoyed living life to the fullest, and loved making memories.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Margaret Hadsall in 2021; one daughter, Velma Smith in 2003; and brother, Burton Hadsall in 1997.

He is survived by one daughter, Rhonda Frank of Richmond, Kansas; one son-in-law, Marvin Smith of Richmond, Kansas, seven grandchildren, Ronald Smith and Christy of Garnett, Kansas, Laura Deters and husband Jerry of Princeton, Kansas, Danny Smith and Kim Smith; Sara Schaffer and husband Tom of Fruitland, Idaho, Cassandra Shepherd of Burlingame, Kansas and Brooke Shahriary and Ali of St. Louis, Missouri; 14 great grandchildren; and 16 great-great grandchildren; siblings, Clyde (Bud) Hadsall of Weatherford, Texas, Bernard and wife Darlene Hadsall of Osawatimie, Kansas; Betty and husband Ted Billingslea of Ottawa, Kansas; and numerous other family and friends.

A Celebration of Bob's Life was held Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett. Memorial contributions are suggested to Richmond Museum and can be left in the care of the funeral home. Condolences for the family can be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

Why did they turn back?

In the 6th chapter of John, Jesus issues some hard teaching and upon hearing it we read, "Many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." (John 6:66) These were not the twelve but were other people who had associated themselves with Jesus.

Jesus then makes this statement in John 6:65, "This is why I told you no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." What Jesus is saying here is you can associate yourself with him by your choosing. But our choosing him will result only in us becoming like the disciples that turned back and no longer followed him.

Jesus says, "No one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." So how does the Father enable us to come to Jesus? This is best illustrated in the life of Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Jewish ruling council. In order to avoid being embarrassed he came to Jesus at night. Why would someone in Nicodemus' position seek Jesus out? Here we see Jesus' statement worked out in real life. God enabled Nicodemus to come by the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. Until we are convicted by the Holy Spirit we don't see our need for a new life. The Holy Spirit revealed the truth about Jesus to Nicodemus.



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

So what did Jesus tell Nicodemus? Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Without the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit we are unable to come to Jesus. So what is the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit? The Spirit convicts us of our sin and puts within us a repentant heart that desires a relationship with God. He reveals truth to us, lives within us, and then enables us to respond to that truth. Nicodemus was enabled by the Holy Spirit to be able to choose Jesus.

For sure the Holy Spirit can be resisted. In Acts 24:25, Paul addresses Felix, the governor, and we read, Felix was afraid and said, "You (Paul) may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you." We never read that Felix found a more convenient time. We should exercise extreme caution to see that never happens to us.

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Like David Bilderback

HETRICK

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Lois Hetrick, age 95, of Westphalia, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Parkview Heights in Garnett.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at the Garnett Church of the Nazarene in Garnett, Kansas. Lois' family will greet friends from 10:00 AM until the service time.

Chapter Y P.E.O. meet November 17th

Thirteen members of Chapter Y PEO met at the Garnett Public Library on November 17, 2025. Donna Benjamin served as hostess and Connie Fagg served as co-hostess.

The church delivered meals this last weekend to area residents for the fall harvest feast and also enjoyed a fellowship meal together afterwards.

For Communion Meditation Larry Wittmer

mixed nuts and apple cider on a lovely fall-themed table. After the meeting and snacks, attendees enjoyed an entertaining table game called Right, Left, Center.

The next PEO meeting will be a Christmas dinner on December 8, 2025 at the home of Donna and Steve Benjamin. Hostesses for the event will be the program committee.

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Colony Christian Church - "Thankful for Love"

Jayden Smart presented the recently married couple Jimmy and Elka (Billings) Barton with a quilt for their military service. Elka led worship singing "O Taste and See," "Evidence" and "A Thousand Hallalujahs." Petra Billings led the song "Well Done."

talked about taking communion with a thankful spirit. God favored us with eternal life even though we didn't deserve it at all.

Pastor Chase Riebel's sermon "Thankful for Love" was taken from 1 Corinthians 13:11 - 12. We are told to abide faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love. We should share God's love with as many people as we can to show the Lord how thankful we are for His death on the cross.

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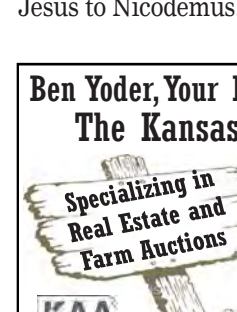
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Use Thanksgiving to reclaim college kids

Each fall, millions of American families send their sons and daughters off to college with a mixture of pride and concern. They hope their students will grow in maturity, sharpen their minds, and step into their callings with confidence. But all too often, what comes home during Thanksgiving break is not just a tired student. It is a changed one.

This is the quiet crisis playing out on campuses across the country. While parents expect education, many universities are orchestrating re-education. The classroom, once a place for honest exploration, has become a platform for ideology. In my new book, "College Without Communism," I make the case that higher education has shifted away from forming students through truth and toward shaping them through cultural conformity.

This shift rarely happens all at once. It's slow, subtle and often invisible to those living inside it. Students are immersed in environments that question faith, reframe morality and replace conviction with relativism. They are encouraged to deconstruct everything, except the worldview of the institution itself.

But here's the hope. Culture never gets the final word. Thanksgiving break offers something precious and increasingly rare in the academic calendar: time. Time to think, to reconnect, to remember.

Thanksgiving is not just a pause in the semester. It is a sacred opportunity. It brings students back to the people who knew them before the pressure to conform. It opens the door for truth-telling, spiritual reflection and the restoration of identity. In a world that tries to blur lines and erase roots, this holiday can remind students exactly who they are.

This isn't just about political drift. It's about spiritual foundations. Many students leave for college with a vibrant faith, but return home unsure of who God is, what is right or why truth even matters. And it doesn't take long. Sometimes, it only takes one semester.

That's why families can't afford to treat



DR. KENT INGLE, SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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Thanksgiving as just a time to relax. It's a time to re-engage. Don't settle for small talk around the table. Ask real questions. Invite open conversation. Speak life and identity into your student with love and clarity. Remind them that their value is not defined by grades, popularity or cultural approval, but by being made in the image of God.

Pray with them. Share your own convictions. Tell the story of how your faith was tested and made stronger. And if they come home questioning, doubting or wrestling with big ideas, don't shut the door. Open it wider. Listen with patience. Respond with grace. Then point them back to the truth that never changes.

Today's students are not as hostile to faith as headlines suggest. Many are quietly searching for something solid in a culture that feels increasingly unstable. They are craving clarity, connection and courage. Families and churches can meet that need, if we are willing to speak up and stay close.

At Southeastern University, we work daily to equip students not just with knowledge, but with wisdom. We want them to think critically without being consumed by ideology. We want them to engage culture without losing their soul. And we know that none of that happens without families, churches and mentors who are committed to forming the whole person.

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Maybe in the west central part of Anderson County we could set up a GoFundMe page to get one little load of cold patch to at least fill in the potholes that are going to be junk after this winter. Pull your heads out, people.

So I find that laughable that the county is partially blaming the taxpaying landowners for the crappy conditions of the gravel roads. And the suggestions made in the article may be true, but completely unpracticable. One suggestion was to stay

off of the road if they are wet; if I did this, I would not have pulled out of my driveway from last Thursday when I got the paper until probably at least Thanksgiving Day. Secondly, we are supposed to respect the road crown. I totally agree, and I do respect it when I cross into Coffey County, where there are crowns on the road and ditches that carry water. Most of the roads that I drive on in Anderson County are V-shaped. Water runs in the middle of the road and then sets there, causing these unbelievable chug holes. Most of the ditches are higher than the road, from years of neglect. I am not a road expert, but I offer the following: clean the ditches out, put it on the road and make the crown so it drains and mix in a chainsaw or bucket truck and cut some darn limbs down on the county right away. It is beyond me that even the county commissioners don't require this of the road department. Our taxes are ridiculously high, and our roads are the worst

SEE **FORUM** ON PAGE 14

Kansas must close the competency loophole

In Kansas, dangerous criminals can be released from custody before justice is served.

It happened in Colorado. A person was beaten so severely that they suffered permanent brain damage. The assault captured on video. The defendant, charged with attempted murder, was later released, but not because of a lack of evidence, uncooperative witnesses, or a procedural flaw, but because of a loophole in the law.

In Greeley, Colorado, a man charged with attempted murder was found incompetent to stand trial and later released because he did not qualify for involuntary commitment, a legal process through which a person with a severe mental illness can be court-ordered to receive treatment in a hospital or community setting when they are deemed a danger. Two weeks after his release, he was arrested again, this time on a college campus, carrying a firearm.

Unfortunately, what happened in Colorado only occurred after new legislation was passed. House Bill 24-1034 was designed to ensure that individuals found incompetent could receive treatment. Yet the bill inadvertently created a dangerous gap in the justice system.¹ The case drew national outrage. Elon Musk shared the story on X (formerly Twitter), calling it "insane," and right before Charlie Kirk's murder, he wrote: "Colorado judges are choosing to let vio-



TODD THOMPSON, LEAVENWORTH COUNTY ATTORNEY

KANSAS COMMENTARY

lent lunatics roam free rather than be locked up like they deserve, and Colorado lawmakers are refusing to close the loopholes that let this happen."

Unfortunately, this issue is not unique to Colorado. Kansas has a similar loophole—and it must be fixed.

To understand what has happened, it helps to review the legal background.

In 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a defendant must have both a rational and factual understanding of the proceedings and be able to assist in their defense to stand trial—i.e., be competent. In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that a person found incompetent cannot be held indefinitely for that reason alone. If competency cannot be restored within a reasonable period, the state must either civilly commit or release the individual.

Kansas law mirrors these principles.

Under K.S.A. 22-3301 et seq., if a defendant is found incompetent, criminal proceedings are suspended, and the person is ordered to undergo treatment aimed at restoring competency. If competency cannot be restored, the person must either be involuntarily committed or released from custody.

Here lies the problem. Under current Kansas law, involuntary commitment is permitted only when the individual poses a "danger to self or others" by a risk of substantial physical injury or abuse to self or others, or substantial property damage, in the foreseeable future, demonstrated by threatening or attempting behavior or a serious inability to provide for basic needs because of the mental disorder, resulting in substantial deterioration in functioning.

That means that a defendant accused of a violent or severe offense who is found incompetent—but not "dangerous" under the statutory definition—must be released, even if the underlying charge demonstrates a clear threat to public safety. Prosecutors across Kansas have faced this situation firsthand.

This must change. Tennessee faced a similar problem. Jillian Ludwig, a college student, was killed by a stray bullet. Prior to killing Ludwig, the shooter had previously been found incompetent to stand

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The GOP can't punt on the affordability of health care

The debate over affordability is now truly and fully joined. After the off-year elections, Democrats are coalescing around a cost-of-living message that makes more sense than their anti-Trump obsessions (not that we aren't going to hear a lot about those). For its part, the White House has concluded that affordability is a vulnerability, and Trump has thrown out a raft of proposals to address it, from \$2,000 tariff rebates to 50-year mortgages.

Health care will be a major front in this fight, a traditional Democratic policy strength that the party emphasized during the just-concluded government shutdown.

In isolation, the Democratic demand to extend Obamacare subsidies in perpetuity shouldn't be sustainable. The party's position is, in effect, "We passed a sweeping health care reform that we promised would lower costs, and now that it's done the opposite, it is incumbent on Republicans, in the name of all that is right and good, to support additional subsidies for the law."

The GOP is so hopeless on health care that it will have trouble countering this argument. Fifteen years after the passage of Obamacare and after a major attempt to repeal it early in Trump's first term, it still lacks a concrete alternative of its own, even though the policy direction here should be clear enough.



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

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Obamacare imposed massive new regulations on the individual insurance market in order to cover the sick and lower costs. The fact is that there are better ways to achieve the former goal, and the latter has been unrealized.

As Avik Roy of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity points out, Barack Obama ran for president promising that his health-care reform would reduce premiums by as much as \$2,500 per family. That was as misleading as his promise that "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan." Roy notes that premiums for the benchmark "silver" Obamacare plans -- the law created metallic tiers for various insurance plans -- have nearly tripled since 2013. At the same time, deductibles for those same silver plans have more than dou-

bled, outpacing the rate of increase for employer-sponsored plans.

Democrats no longer pretend that Obamacare is going to reduce costs. Instead, they insist that without expanded credits first passed under President Biden in 2021 and then 2022 -- now set to expire -- Americans will experience a cost apocalypse. "Cancel the cuts. Lower the cost. Save health care," is how Hakeem Jeffries has put it.

The subsidies, though, only cushion consumers from the worst of a poorly designed system. A basic problem of Obamacare is that it charges young and healthy people higher premiums than they would pay otherwise -- making health insurance less attractive to them -- to subsidize the premiums of the old and sick.

As Roy observes, it'd make more sense to have so-called reinsurance programs, either at the federal level or in the states, to pay the cost of care of people with pre-existing conditions. This alone should reduce premiums for everyone else. The "age band" imposed by Obamacare -- mandating that young people can't pay too much less than old people -- should be loosened. Obamacare taxes should be repealed; the law should allow for a genuine bare bones "catastrophic plans" for those who want one;

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Enjoying a Branson getaway

After a rather hectic two months in our lives, Kay and I decided to get away for a few days and relax. So, from the 17th thru the 20th of November that's exactly what we did. We went on a 4-day bus tour with Heritage Bus Tours out of Yoder, Ks. We actually boarded the bus in Parsons, Ks., which was great for us.

On the morning of 17 November we left Garnett at 9:15 for Parsons and arrived at Pete's service station at 10:30 am. At 11:30 we boarded the BLUE bus headed for Branson, Mo. to enjoy Branson Christmas 2025. Our hostess was Angie Bozeman, owner and operator of Heritage Tours.

Our first stop was for lunch at Granny Shaffer's Restaurant in Joplin, Missouri. We enjoyed a wonderful buffet with great fried chicken.

After lunch we traveled on and our next stop was at our home for the next



DIGGING UP THE PAST

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three days the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Branson, Missouri. We departed our motel after getting all settled in our rooms at 5:15 pm for the Grand Jubilee Theatre, where we enjoyed another wonderful buffet dinner and the Grand Country Music Hall Christmas Show. After a long day we were all ready to go back to our motel and enjoy a good night of rest and sleep.

Our trip to be continued. Another mystery solved.

*Respectfully Submitted by:
24Nov2025 - Henry Roekers*

120 years ago...Electric light company now offering morning service

THAT WAS THEN



PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST

Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

1885 - 140 years ago
November 27 - Foundries and manufactories are ready to step into Garnett when the new road comes, which means a city of 10,000 inhabitants in a short time, for the farmers of Anderson County to feed.

1905 - 120 years ago
December 1 - The electric light company is now giving a morning service, beginning at 5 o'clock and lasting till daylight. That's good, but we should have all-night service. The lights should, by all means, be on until the trains are in. The company has been making some much-needed improvements in the plant, and, doubtless, we will have better service hereafter.

December 1 - We understand one of the pupils at the West Side school became unruly last week and when corrected by his teacher, he slapped her. Friday morning, we understand, he was given a sound whipping and suspended from school. The action taken by the principal, we think, was right. The pupils' obedience is absolutely necessary to the school room, and no teacher can successfully get the best results when there is a lack of order or when the pupils think they can do as they see fit.

1915 - 110 years ago
December 2 - The large dwelling house on the county farm was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, together with most of the contents. Mr. Fraker, who is in charge of the farm, was not at home, and none of the inmates except John Kratzberg was able to assist Mrs. Fraker in

saving anything from the building. John carried the helpless old woman out. Mrs. Fraker saved a few articles of furniture. As the county commissioners are in Topeka, nothing has been learned what will be done. However, they will probably build a new house.

1925 - 100 years ago
December 3 - Last Sunday evening, the Garnett club house near Mont Ida was destroyed by fire. Some of the members had been out there during the afternoon and were cleaning up about the place and burning some grass, but they came home thinking the fire was out and everything was safe. About 5:30, word came to Garnett that the club house was afire. Nothing was saved.

1935 - 90 years ago
November 28 - Home ties tugged more powerfully than Thanksgiving turkey at the heart-strings of the young men at Garnett's CCC camp this year. Despite the prospect of a big dinner featuring the traditional bird with all the trimmings, all but about sixty of the 2,000 camp workers were planning the share dinner with their families today.

1945 - 80 years ago
November 29 - The Garnett high school students are sponsoring a Victory Bond Dance for the benefit of the Hospital Unit project, immediately following basketball games Friday night, November 30. The dance will be given in the auditorium of the Irving school, student admission is 50 cents in stamps, and adults are admitted by presenting a receipt for a Victory Bond purchased between November 16 and 30 and which is credited to the high school when bought.

1965 - 60 years ago
November 29 - A project of several years undertaking, erection of a



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Circa November 1995 - ALL DRESSED UP - Anderson County High School junior Michael Wilson and Anderson County Courthouse custodian Everett Cox give scale to the 6'8" frame of Themis, the Greek goddess of justice that resides at the top of the west entry façade of the county courthouse. The statue was removed last summer for repairs, and is temporarily in the basement of the courthouse awaiting its reinstallation.

memorial to former Governor and United States Senator Arthur Capper, was completed last week at the site of what is believed to be his birthplace, on east Fifth street here. The stone-and-brick monument, completed several months ago, has now been enclosed in a chain-link fence and the plot landscaped, with new planting of grass and several trees and shrubs.

1995 - 30 years ago
November 27 - Signs which will name the county's network of roads in order to give official addresses to residents outside incorporated city limits are ready to be installed by the Anderson County Road Department, but the remainder of the project will most likely take a year to complete. The signs will designate roads running north/south with the names of states and roads running east/west will carry numeric designations.

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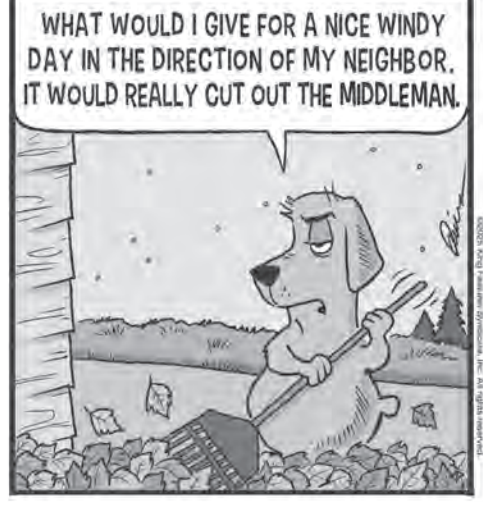
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Clue: I equals P

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY:** Which country sold Alaska to the United States?
- GEOGRAPHY:** On which continent is the Sahara Desert?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who created The Muppets?
- MUSIC:** What was singer Miley Cyrus' alter ego when she starred in a Disney sitcom?
- MATH:** How many sides does a heptagon (sometimes called a septagon) have?
- MOVIES:** Which singer is featured in the biopic "A Complete Unknown"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is carpaccio?
- LITERATURE:** In "The Jungle Book," who raised the boy called Mowgli?
- TELEVISION:** Where was Mork from in the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the phrase "doubleplusgood" mean in Newspeak, featured in the dystopian novel "1984"?

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Answers

- Russia, in 1867
- Africa
- Jim Henson
- Hannah Montana
- Bob Dylan
- Seven
- Thirdly sliced raw meat or fish, usually served as an appetizer
- Wolves
- Planet Ork
- Terrible

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

"I'm not interested in a diet that's low in calories — I want one that's low in _____."

AuBurn Pharmacy urges local patients to review their 2026 drug coverage

AuBurn Pharmacy has announced that beginning January 1, 2026, it will no longer be in-network with Express Scripts® (ESI), the pharmacy benefit manager used by several insurance plans, including Cigna, TRICARE, WellCare, and HealthSpring. This change applies only to retail prescription coverage. Nursing home medications are covered under a separate contract and will continue to be billable to Express Scripts through AuBurn Pharmacy.

Representatives from AuBurn Pharmacy say the change comes after a review of contract terms and reimbursement structures

offered through Express Scripts. According to the pharmacy, reimbursement rates and administrative requirements under that arrangement have become increasingly difficult for community pharmacies to sustain. These challenges mirror pressures seen nationwide and locally, including the closure of Rocker's Pharmacy in Paola earlier this year.

Although the pharmacy will discontinue participation with Express Scripts, AuBurn reports that it continues to accept a wide range of other insurance plans, including:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- UnitedHealthcare

- Aetna/CVS Health
- KanCare Medicaid plans
- Medicare plans not administered by Express Scripts
- Multiple employer-sponsored commercial plans

To help patients understand how their insurance coverage may be affected for 2026, AuBurn Pharmacy teams are offering insurance plan reviews at all locations. Staff can assist patients in verifying how their current plan works with AuBurn and answer questions for those who wish to continue receiving care locally. With several time-sensitive enrollment deadlines approaching—Medicare Part D

Open Enrollment ending December 7 and the Health Insurance Marketplace deadline for January 1, 2026 coverage on December 15—patients are encouraged to review their coverage soon. Plan sponsors and employers with questions about network participation may contact the AuBurn corporate office at 785-448-3600.

Conversations surrounding pharmacy benefit managers and their influence on prescription access continue at the state and federal levels, with several Kansas lawmakers following the issue closely.

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VARVEL...

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to Garnett. Larry cut hair in western Kansas for more than 20 years before returning to the area in 1990 and agreeing to buy Gordon's shop when his brother decided to retire. When the west wall of their building on 4th Avenue next to Patriots Bank's downtown headquarters collapsed, the two moved to a location at the southwest corner of 5th Avenue and Oak Street in the historic building that formerly housed Garnett's National Bank of Commerce, nestled in a

building that would eventually house two other independent hair stylists.

"I wish I knew how many different guys hair I cut," Varvel said. "There was some guys who I cut their kids, then I cut their grand kids."

Unlike other industries affected over the decades by computers and technology, Varvel said the changes in barbering have been more technique oriented. When he started out prospective barbers undertook a six-month apprenticeship – no longer a requirement in Kansas, and the focus of

training was as much on the comb as on the clippers.

"Any more, you know, they put guards on their clippers," he said. "We never had such a thing. They taught us what 'clipper over a comb' was – that comb is the most important thing you've got in your hand, because that's your gauge."

"A clipper or scissors or a razor or whatever will cut hair, but that comb lets you taper it up. Plus they've got these weird cuts any more – we didn't have those. Nowadays they cut a bunch of lines and stuff in a guy's hair –

when I started I don't think guys would have appreciated that."

Larry said with retirement more or less thrust upon him, he's not sure what he'll do to fill his previous hours spent with the buzz of clippers and conversation from his mostly male customers.

"I can hardly remember when I didn't have some kind of job," he said. "But I've always liked to fish. Maybe I'll get back to that."

His retirement leaves Garnett with a number of hair salons but without a traditional men's barbershop.

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The Anderson County Crimson Dancers competed at the 2025 KSHSAA Spirit Showcase last Friday in Topeka. They qualified for the state round and finished in 4th place in the 3A Finals behind Council Grove, Norton Community and Wichita Collegiate. Pictured, front row, from left: Kendra Weirich, Lilly Kent, Hope Hill, Maliah Velvick. Back row, from left: Avery Thompson, Emma Thieme, Bree Schafer, Khole McCarty, Aspyn Richardson, Kora Gaines, Jordan Miller, Bristol Barnes.



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The Anderson County Cheerleaders competed at the 2025 KSHSAA Spirit Showcase on Saturday in Topeka. They finished in the top half of the 3A state competitors as they were 12th out of 26 in the qualifying round. Pictured front row, from left: Jaelyn Leyser, Brittney Hurt, Rayna Kuhlman, Lyndsie Carey. Back row, from left: Kaylee Feuerborn, Madilyn Reichard, Romi Korten, Alice Tucker, Adrienne Fennema, Kayla Harvey, Kaylee Kummer, Maci Keith.

WORK...

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of what USDA leaders described as a “full program reset.” USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins said the re-application requirement was intended to ensure that “everyone that’s taking a taxpayer-funded benefit... truly is vulnerable and can’t survive without it,” according to Rollins’ statements in a November USDA briefing.

However, according to analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and reporting by the Philadelphia Inquirer, the federal government has not yet issued concrete guidance requiring states to initiate a mass re-application, and recipients should “continue following normal six-month reporting requirements” until further notice. The directive comes alongside expanded work requirements for many adult recipients contained in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025.

Complicating matters for Anderson County SNAP recipients and others in Kansas is the high-profile dispute with federal officials over access to state SNAP data. USDA requested that Kansas provide identifying information for all SNAP recipients dating back to January 2020—including names, addresses, dates of birth, and Social Security-linked identifiers—as part of a national integrity review.

Gov. Laura Kelly refused the request, citing privacy concerns and arguing that the state had insufficient guarantees over how the federal government would use or store the data. Kelly told one online news site the state had “a duty to protect the personal information” of its residents, although federal taxpayer funds and federal debt pay

for the entire program.

In September, Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach sued Kelly to force compliance with USDA’s demands. USDA responded by withholding \$10.4 million in federal SNAP administrative funding from Kansas—penalties confirmed in letters publicly released by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office in October. Federal officials warned Kansas that further

penalties could be imposed every 90 days until the state complies.

Trump Administration efforts to enforce a tighter ship in the SNAP system by undoing or reducing SNAP to some states has been contested by several courts—including a ruling earlier this month, as the controversy over plugging the leaks in the SNAP system continue.



Senior Center pitch results for Nov. 20th

On the 20th of November we had a smaller group of players than usual. However, we were able to have a good time and a lot of laughs. Jan Wards, who tied with her son, Kyle Trendel, for the most games won took top honor by luck of the draw. Other results

were as follows: Karen Register won the 50/50; Don Smith had the most hands of 13 with three and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

We won’t be playing next week because of spending time with our families celebrating Thanksgiving.

Join us on December 4th promptly at six o’clock at the Senior Center for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Please bring a snack for the group to share. Always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting

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- Friday, November 28, 2025**
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- Saturday, November 29, 2025**
4:00 p.m. - Garnett Fire Dept.
Chili & Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. - GACC Christmas Parade & Lighting Ceremony
- Monday, December 1, 2025**
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga Cancelled
9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program Harvesters
5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club
7:00 p.m. - Santa @ Quonset Hut at North Lake Park
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025**
10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Meeting
5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
6:00 p.m. - City Commission Mtg
6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025**
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
3:30 p.m. - Bricks & Books @ Garnett Public Library
5:30 p.m. - Garnett Elementary Site Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Awana
- Thursday, December 4, 2025**
5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Mtg
- Friday, December 5, 2025**
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
- Monday, December 8, 2025**
8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
9:30 a.m. - Anderson Legion Auxiliary 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. - Library Board Mtg
7:00 p.m. - American Legion
7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board



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Billy Beckman as he is draped by QOV volunteers, Lori Hoyt and Connie Hatch.

Veteran awarded Quilt of Valor in 2025

An Anderson County veteran was recently awarded Quilts of Valor. Billy Beckman served in the Marines from 1971 to 1973. He was recognized at the Crest High School Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th. East Central Kansas Quilters, serving Coffey

and Anderson counties, salutes these veterans who were touched by war, honoring them for their service, sacrifice, and valor. To nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor, an online form can be found at www.govf.org or contact Kent Hoyt (620-364-9361) or Lori Hoyt (620-364-9361).

Kansas BPW scholarship apps due by Dec. 31

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chicken or beef and noodle dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll and dessert for \$10.00. This will be held at the Richmond Community

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 11-27-2025 / SUBMITTED Henry Hedrick spoke at the Garnett BPW meeting on Tuesday, November 18th. His speech and powerpoint told Garnett BPW members how to be thankful for our families. He lead them through his path through foster care into being adopted to an amazing family. Pictured, from left: Aaron, Krista, Henry and Landon Hedrick.



PAY...

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ities fell slightly. Cash on hand jumped from about \$4 million to \$15.2 million, giving the center roughly three to five months of cash reserves – a level seen as unusually strong for a community mental health non-profit according to other services' published reports.

Fawson did not reply to emails from the Review seeking comment on SEK's plans for the reported surplus from 2024, and if those funds had already been employed for additional expansion.

The filing shows SEKMHC has evolved far beyond its traditional mental-health-only role. In addition to its core behavioral health programs – which served more than 4,600 mental health clients and nearly 2,000 case-management clients – the center now delivers extensive primary care through its acquisition of Ashley Medical Clinic in Chanute and a Yates Center dental office. The filing reported 11,605 hours of medical services to 39,394 patients. Patient service revenue rose to \$61.7 million, representing over 93 percent of total income. Grant rev-

enue made up only a small portion of funding.

Compensation Reaches Hospital-Level Scale

With its growing footprint, SEKMHC is now financially and structurally closer to a regional health system than to a small community provider – and its executive compensation reflects that shift.

According to the filing:

•CEO Nathan Fawson earned \$889,099, including salary, bonuses, and additional compensation.

•Chief Operating Officer Dr. Doug Wright received \$670,522.

•Urologist Dr. John Robinson was paid \$663,147.

•Chief Financial Officer Job Springer earned \$616,817.

•Several other medical and administrative directors earned between \$413,000 and \$530,000.

In all, 59 employees earned more than \$100,000, and total wages exceeded \$32 million according to the tax filing.

The center discloses that compensation is set using independent consultants and regional healthcare market data, a practice designed to satisfy IRS requirements for tax-exempt organizations. A

family relationship is also noted between board member Walt Regehr Jr. and CFO Job Springer, though SEKMHC says it maintains a formal conflict-of-interest policy and collects disclosure statements annually.

Services Up, Fundraising Minimal

Despite its size, SEKMHC conducts very little fundraising – less than 1 percent of its resources. Roughly 75 percent of all spending goes directly to program services, with about 24 percent spent on administrative support such as billing systems, IT, compliance, and facilities.

The center employed 587 people and reported only 12 volunteers, underscoring its status as a labor-driven medical provider.

While SEKMHC is financially strong, the filing also highlights a definite structural vulnerability in its reliance on government reimbursement. With nearly all revenue tied to fee-for-service medical billing and most coming from Medicaid, any major government shift in reimbursement could have an immediate impact on SEK finances.

INGLE...

FROM PAGE 4

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday. It is a spiritual reset. It roots us in gratitude. It reconnects us with our story. And for students being tugged in every direction, it may be the lifeline that brings them back to who they were always meant to be.

This generation doesn't need to be rescued from college. It needs to be re-rooted in truth. So, this Thanksgiving, let's do more than gather around

the table. Let's remind our students of who they are, whose they are and why it still matters.

– Dr. Kent Ingle presently serves as the President of Southeastern University (SEU) located in Lakeland, Florida. Southeastern University can be found online at seu.edu and their prayer community can be found on pray.com.

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and states should be given as much leeway to innovate as possible.

Republicans would also be smart to build on a Trump administration rule from the first term that allowed employers to fund accounts -- Health Reimbursement Accounts, or HRAs -- for employees to buy their own individual

coverage.

TITLE: None of these ideas will make the case for themselves, though. Republicans have to introduce them to the public and explain them, even if they'd prefer to be talking about something else. Failing to do so represents a serious political risk -- of either swallowing Obamacare

subsidies that they never supported before, or going to the voters next year empty-handed. If they lose the midterms on the issue of affordability, they can't say that they weren't warned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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New student loan limits bring insult to nurses

BY DANE HICKS
THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new federal rule aimed at tightening student-loan borrowing limits and reducing taxpayer exposure to massive U.S. student debt has ignited strong pushback from nursing organizations nationwide, all stemming from a 1965 definition specifying what is and isn't a "professional degree" program.

The gist: nursing programs no longer qualify as "professional degree" programs for purposes of federal graduate-level borrowing, so students can't borrow as government-guaranteed money to pursue those programs.

The U.S. Department of Education, implementing changes tied to the recently enacted "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," says it is simply aligning policy with longstanding statutory language. Critics say it's a shortsighted bureaucratic maneuver with real-world consequences for patients, hospitals, and the nation's already strained nursing workforce.

According to the rule-writers at the Department of Education (ED), the updated student-loan framework requires narrowing which graduate programs qualify as "professional degrees," a category that receives the highest federal borrowing caps.

The department's logic centers around three main arguments: 1) previous statutory language; 2) debt management efforts to curtail massive U.S. student debt; and 3) technical criteria in educational program structure.

USDOE points to a decades-old section of federal law that lists tradition-

al professional programs such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary science, law, and theology. Nursing was never explicitly included, and the agency now claims the modern definition should mirror that original list. Officials argue that unlimited borrowing for graduate programs has inflated tuition and fueled ballooning graduate-level student debt. Restricting the "professional degree" label, they say, reduces federal exposure with the aim of forcing programs to restrain costs.

Under the new test, "professional degree programs" must meet specific conditions, including certain academic classifications, program lengths, and professional trajectories. The department says nursing programs, including advanced practice nursing (MSN and DNP), don't meet these criteria as narrowly defined.

Nursing programs, especially advanced ones, clearly have many of the traits the rule-writers cite (advanced study, licensure, direct practice roles). Yet the regulatory definition as proposed uses specific criteria (including CIP code series, "6+ years study," etc.) that exclude nursing under the technical reading. Hence the discrepancy.

In effect, the rule removes graduate-level nursing from the highest borrowing tier, meaning student borrowing would be capped at \$20,500 per year. Programs defined as "professional" will be subject to specific annual or aggregate borrowing limits (\$50,000 per year / \$200,000 aggregate for professional students) instead of the previous full-cost-of-attendance borrowing.

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FRAUD..

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met with a conspicuous denial by Governor Laura Kelly to provide requested information on Kansas SNAP recipients, arguing the request violates Kansans privacy.

But the basis of the Trump Administrations attempt to curtail the billions in waste is itself documented:

USDA employee orchestrated \$36 million fraud - The U.S. Department of Justice said a longtime employee of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) abused her access to federal systems, selling hundreds of EBT license numbers (used for SNAP-authorized store terminals) which resulted in over \$36 million in fraudulent SNAP redemptions. She received

bribes disguised as "birthday gifts" and "flowers," the DOJ maintains.

Retail fraud / trafficking networks - In one reported case, a dozen store owners in Baltimore illegally processed SNAP/food-stamp transactions amounting to \$16 million. In Cincinnati, meat-market owners were convicted of roughly \$3.4 million in illegal SNAP transactions according to the Cato Institute..

Credit-card skimming and electronic theft of benefits - Nationwide, the number of fraudulent SNAP transactions has surged. A Newsweek article this summer said between the final quarter of FY 2024 and first quarter of FY 2025, fraudulent SNAP transactions rose from 444,553 to 691,604 - a 55 % increase.

Trafficking, resale

and selling of benefits - Multiple states report schemes where individuals sell SNAP benefits (or EBT cards) for cash, or purchase food with benefits and then resell goods for cash. For example: in New York a government worker and associates allegedly pocketed \$1.8 million by buying energy drinks with EBT cards and reselling to corner stores according to local prosecutors.

The SNAP system is designed to be easily negotiable and transferable from its electronic origins into edible goods, the object priority being to make food available to those in need. But what many call lacks restrictions in the program opens a Pandora's box of options for easy fraud.

• SNAP beneficiaries or retailers exchange SNAP

benefits (or EBT card access) for cash rather than legitimate food purchases. Fraudsters can also use store license numbers or terminals not properly authorized by USDA to redeem SNAP funds, as in the the USDA employee case above. EBT cards can also be "skimmed" or "cloned" by hackers. At checkout terminals, devices or software steal EBT card information and PINs, enabling redirected benefit usage.

Some applicants just falsely state their eligibility, lying about their income, household size, assets, work status, etc., to qualify for SNAP or receive higher benefit amounts. Some simply buy items with SNAP that are later resold for cash - often at a discount.

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LOAN...

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Nothing in the federal borrowing restrictions limits the amount a student can borrow privately.

Professional nursing associations say the government's reasoning ignores both modern healthcare reality and the nature of nursing itself.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) called the proposal "alarming," noting that nursing is the nation's largest healthcare profession and relies on advanced degrees for licensure, practice, education, and leadership roles. The American Nurses Association (ANA) warned that restricting loan access will discourage students from entering advanced practice programs — including nurse-practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse-educator tracks — all during a time of critical shortages nationwide. Critics also argue the government's position

THOMPSON...

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trial and released. In response, Tennessee enacted "Jillian's Law," which ensures that defendants charged with violent offenses cannot be released without meaningful safeguards to protect the public.

The law created a rebuttable presumption — or the law already assumes — that such defendants pose a substantial likelihood of serious harm, allowing courts to commit or supervise them even if they do not meet traditional involuntary commitment criteria. Tennessee also authorized mandatory community-based treatment and added new reporting requirements to improve oversight and coordination.

If Tennessee can fix its problem, then Kansas should too.

The Kansas County and District Attorneys Association has already made this issue a top legislative priority, and many lawmakers and elected officials like myself have expressed support.

The proposed reforms would amend Kansas' involuntary commitment and competency statutes.

The proposal would ensure that individuals charged with the most serious crimes, including charges like murder, rape, and similar offenses, can be committed even if they do not meet the traditional "danger to self or others" standard, while excluding non-homicide and non-sex offenses from this override.

The changes would also allow prosecutors to take a more active role by challenging a Chief Medical Officer's recommendation for release and presenting

is inconsistent: nursing requires licensure, rigorous clinical preparation, advanced degrees, and extensive graduate-level study. By almost every common-sense measure, they say, nursing meets or exceeds the public's understanding of a "profession."

"This rule takes a 1965 definition and forces it onto a 2025 healthcare workforce," one nursing education advocate said. "It's policy by technicality." Nursing schools warn this will reduce enrollment, worsen faculty shortages, and disproportionately harm students in rural and underserved regions like many in Kansas.

Meanwhile, nursing organizations are mobilizing for a legal and legislative fight to push nursing back into the "professional degree" category as the cost of higher education continues to skyrocket, and members of the Trump Administration work across all spectrums of government to put America's finances back on an even keel.

evidence of dangerousness or probable cause during hearings. In addition, the reforms would authorize show-cause or evidentiary hearings, (similar to grand jury proceedings), to establish a factual basis for charges when no preliminary hearing occurred before the finding of incompetency.

For high-severity crimes, the statutes would permit alternative or continued institutionalization, akin to post-acquittal commitment following a "not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect" determination.

Finally, the reforms would recognize that the presence of an organic brain disease or similar condition could independently justify commitment, even in the absence of immediate dangerousness.

These reforms would enhance public safety, protect due process, and ensure that defendants accused of the most serious crimes do not fall through procedural cracks due to incompetency findings.

The last thing any community wants is to have a dangerous individual back on the streets only to see another preventable tragedy occur. Colorado and Tennessee serve as powerful warnings of what happens when well-intentioned laws fail to anticipate real-world consequences.

Kansas now has the opportunity to act before tragedy strikes again. We must urge Kansas legislators to close this loophole. If you share this concern, contact your legislator, the Governor's Office, or me. The dangerous loophole must be closed. Public safety and justice depend on it.

—Todd Thompson is the Leavenworth County Attorney.

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Notice of hearing for consideration of adopting revitalization plan in Westphalia

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

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Westphalia, Kansas will hold a public hearing for the consideration of

adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the City of Westphalia, KS. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westphalia City Hall.

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Notice of resolution for Lone Elm property holder - 304 LE Second

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, November 27, 2025.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-004

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS; AT WHICH TIME THE OWNERS, THEIR AGENTS, OR LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED, MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTAIN STRUCTURES SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIR OR DEMOLISHED AS DANGEROUS AND UNFIT STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF NO. 43, SECTION I OF LONE ELM CITY ORDINANCE AND K.S.A. 12-1750 ET SEQ, AS AMENDED.

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Description of property and last known contact person:

304 LE Second, Kincaid, KS 66039; Block 10, Lots 16, 17, and 18 (Rebecca Rendell, 3907 NW 94th St., Topeka, Ks 66618

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Lone Elm City Council, Lone Elm, Kansas, on the 12th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS
/s/Gerald Morrison, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Eileen Johns, City Clerk

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Notice of resolution for Lone Elm property holder - 301 LE Elm

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS; AT WHICH TIME THE OWNERS, THEIR AGENTS, OR LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED, MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTAIN STRUCTURES SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIR OR DEMOLISHED AS DANGEROUS AND UNFIT STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF NO. 43, SECTION I OF LONE ELM CITY ORDINANCE AND K.S.A. 12-1750 ET SEQ, AS AMENDED.

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Description of property and last known contact person:

301 LE Elm, Kincaid, Ks 66039; Block 2, Lots 11 and 12 (Dale Ott, 3213 E. 10th St, Kansas City, MO 64127)

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CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS
/s/Gerald Morrison, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Eileen Johns, City Clerk

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Notice of resolution for Lone Elm property holder - 203 LE Elm

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-002

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Description of property and last known contact person:

203 LE Elm, Kincaid, Ks 66039; Block 3, Lots 5 and 6 (Thomas M Amyx, 5200 Brown Ln, Lawrence, Ks 66049)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law..

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Lone Elm City Council, Lone Elm, Kansas, on the 12th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS
/s/Gerald Morrison, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Eileen Johns, City Clerk

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Notice of resolution for Lone Elm property holder - 201

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003

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201, Kincaid, Ks 66039; Block 3, Lots 7 and 8 (Ivan Jr. & Rhonda Rae Hunt, 1302 S. Twyman, Ottawa, Ks 66067)

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Lone Elm City Council, Lone Elm, Kansas, on the 12th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF LONE ELM, KANSAS
/s/Gerald Morrison, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Eileen Johns, City Clerk

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Notice of public hearing - Kincaid Revitalization Plan

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, November 27, 2025.)

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Kincaid will hold a public hearing for the consideration of adopting a

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the City of Kincaid. The hearing will be held on the 8th day of December, 2025 at 7PM at the Kincaid City Hall.

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FORUM...

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ever. Maybe we need to have a DOGE investigation in Anderson County.

The biggest problem with the gravel roads is the county's inability or unwillingness to clean out ditches and the grader operators' insistence on cutting the shoulders down. This creates a scenario where the water can't get off the road and runs down the side of the road instead of into the ditches. If water is a problem like the article in

the paper says, the county needs to fix the shoulder so the water can actually get to the ditches.

Sunny Hostin on ABC's "The View," just launched into a "my lived experience as a black woman," stupidity, as though whites have treated her so badly. Yeah, her "lived experience," as a multi-millionaire living in luxury, given a platform to spew her hate to millions. Compare that to the "lived experience," of Bethany McGee, the young white lady minding her own business on a Chicago commuter train last week when a black male stranger snuck

up, poured gasoline over her head and lit her on fire, shouting for her to, "burn alive," and using a slur as she was engulfed in flames, screaming in agony.

Funny about this latest kerfuffle with the Democrat congressmen trying to convince military members Trump's giving them unlawful orders and essentially trying to instigate mutiny among U.S. troops. Do you think the Democrats ever have to pay for any of their crimes? They perjured themselves with lies about Trump's Russian collusion based on a faked Hilary Clinton campaign

document. They cooked up a sham prosecution over his real estate loans. They concealed from the country that Biden had cancer and was mentally infirmed, and no one knows to this day who was running wild with the autopen. They had the Epstein files for four years and never released them because they could only harm Democrats. They got away with it all scot free. Do you think they will have to pay for trying to get the military to mutiny against the commander-in-chief? Not on your (deleted) life. The only justice is they have three more years of Trump.



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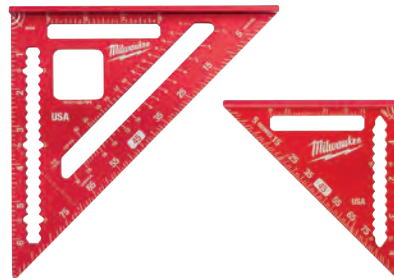


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