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Veterans' grave markers stolen from rural cemetery

Remote and unwatched, resting places are targets for unscrupulous scappers

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Grave markers designating the sacrifice of a number of Anderson County veterans buried in Springfield Cemetery have been stolen and likely sold for scrap, sources say, possibly to fund the drug habits of scrap metal scavengers.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office was investigating the theft this week of a number of such markers, which recently disappeared from the graves of veterans buried at the local resting place. Sharon Rocker, secretary/treasurer of the cemetery board, said caretakers discovered the missing markers while inspecting the grounds recently.

"To take something like that off a veteran's grave that the family put there," Rocker said. "I just can't imagine it."

Veteran grave markers—like

the WWII and Korea medallions placed at cemeteries throughout Kansas—continue to be targets for thieves nationwide, as law enforcement repeatedly links the thefts to scrap-metal sales, drug-related crimes, and the resale of markers as "vintage" décor.

The most common motive, police say, is scrap metal value. The markers can weigh 2-5 pounds and scrap for \$2-\$3 a pound or more. In Wichita, authorities arrested two men in 2016 after they stole more than 100 bronze

veterans' markers from cemeteries and attempted to sell them to scrap yards. According to KWCH-TV, investigators said the heavy bronze markers were attractive to thieves because they could be "quickly converted to cash" at metal recyclers.

Similar cases are reported

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Numerous markers like this one were stolen from Springfield Cemetery, likely the target of scrap metal thieves.



Photo submitted

Preliminary hearing set in felony cattle theft, bogus check passing case

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A preliminary hearing is set for January 20 in Anderson County District Court in the case of a Tennessee man accused of multiple felonies revolving around passing \$1.8 million in hot checks to a Garnett cattleman for purchases that were never covered.

Court records for the case show subpoenas were served and returned the

last week of November in preparation for testimony in the preliminary hearing, including the endorsement of special investigator Josh Winkler, with the Kansas Attorney General's Office Livestock Investigation Unit.

Bert Smith of Lewisburg, Tenn., is accused of 10 counts of felony theft, six counts of passing a worthless check and

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Politics, SNAP, obesity swirl in food program controversy

Fight over fraud, sweets in SNAP runs into higher obesity stats for Kansas, county

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - Kansas continues to grapple with one of the highest obesity rates in the country, and the debate over how the state's food-assistance benefits can be used has placed lawmakers, health advocates and Gov. Laura Kelly at odds over how to address the problem.

The issue of poverty, obesity and food benefits orbits the periphery of ongoing controversy in the federal food program that affects some 450 Anderson County families - an estimated 6.2 percent of county households. Revelations of massive fraud have encompassed the program since President Trump targeted various sources of federal waste, fraud

and abuse. The program instituted work requirements for recipients that took effect this week. Kelly's denial of state SNAP info for a federal review and ongoing criticism that health-threatening, obesity-contributing foods are too easily available - all continue to plague the federal program.

Clearly, it's not just the 12.3 percent of the U.S. population receiving SNAP benefits who are at risk for obesity. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Kansas adult obesity stands in the 35-36 percent range, placing the state in the category where more than one in three adults is obese. National projections from Trust for America's Health estimate that the Kansas rate could rise to roughly 51 percent by 2030, with obesity-related medical spending topping \$4.7 billion a year.

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Anderson County High School Marching Band members line up for the final exit to Saturday's Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. A small but stalwart crowd braved near freezing temperatures in downtown Garnett for the traditional event and Saturday's cap-off for Small Business Saturday.

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SEKMHC exec salaries in top 1% of Kansas, U.S. earners

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA - Salaries paid to executives at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center pushed those top leaders into the celebrated "1 percent" of wage earners not just in Kansas but nationwide, according to recently released tax documents for the organization.

Executive salaries within the multi-county group that includes Anderson County - which according to 2023 IRS Form 990 reports showed CEO Nathan Fawson's \$630,000 compensation package to be the highest among all 26 Kansas mental center districts. His pay as well as other top staff took a leap as much as 40 percent according to the 2024 tax filing, notching Fawson's compensation in par-



Fawson

ticular at some \$889,000 annually. The wage hikes came on the heels of significant revenue increases at SEKMHC following an advanced certification that allowed it to bill more services to Medicaid, as well as the acquisition of a private medical clinic and a dental office. County commissioners in a number of member counties defunded SEK in their 2026 budgets, saying their roughly \$90,000 apiece in local subsidy could be better spent at home if SEK could afford compensation of that caliber.

SEK's exec salaries have been shocking to many in the six-county district that includes Anderson, Allen, Linn, Bourbon and Woodson and Neosho, and the reaction is compounded by



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the revelation of the 2024 raises. The issue raises the question of how prolific such "1 percent" salary levels are in Kansas, and from where that pay comes.

A search of Kansas state government salaries at openpayrolls.com shows the state's last-reported highest-paid staffer to be chief investment manager Bruce Fink, who earned \$402,105.76 in 2023. About 4,900 of Kansas' 41,700 state employees earned over \$100,000 per year in 2024. Move into the workforce at state universities/medical institutions and salaries of \$700,000 to over \$800,000 are not rare. Wichita State University Executive Vice President for Research and Industry John Tomblin made \$1.1 million according to the Kansas



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Department of Administration; University of Kansas head basketball coach Bill Self has a 5-year, \$53 million contract, making him the highest-paid public university coach in the country. But what does it mean to be in the "top 1%" - how is the cut-off calculated, and why does the threshold differ between Kansas and the nation as a whole?

Economists typically define the "top 1%" by ranking all earners in a given population - whether it's the United States or a single state - and identifying the income level at which the top 1% begins. But the threshold changes dramatically depending on the group being measured.



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Acronyms & acceleration

Local agencies want you to know a thing or two

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Chamber of commerce, the community foundation, economic development and community development; they're terms you may be familiar with and may not - but they'd want you to sit down with them and talk about what you all have in common.

You'll get that chance at an upcoming inter-agency meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Town Hall Center in Garnett. The meeting is open to the public.

In a nutshell, the Garnett Chamber of Commerce is a century-old organization

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**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.

**CHRISTIAN CRAFTERS HOLIDAY MART**  
The Christian Crafters Holiday Mart will be December 6th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Garnett. Soup lunch, baked goods and a craft sale.

**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.adviceandaid.com.

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on November 24, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**Road & Bridge**  
Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Discussion was held on tree trimming and removal, county roads, and equipment.

**County Clerk**  
Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She informed the commission that the 2024 audit has been completed and Rodney Burns will be setting a time to meet with them. In 2025, the employee benefits fund is going to exceed the budgeted amount by approximately \$90,000. To cover the overage the commissioners will need to close the EMS Tax Lid fund and transfer monies from the multi-year capital improvement fund. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to close the EMS Tax Lid fund and transfer the monies of \$29,072.50 to the General fund. All voted yes. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to transfer \$70,000 from the multi-year capital improvement fund to the general fund. All voted yes.

**General Transportation**  
Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She detailed how the general transportation has multiple days where there are only a few riders on the buses that go out of county. She would like to purchase a ramp accessible minivan with KDOT pricing and specifications. The cost of a new van is \$79,504 from Master Transportation. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase a 2025 Chrysler Voyager from Master Transportation for \$79,504 to be paid out of the Service for the Elderly fund. All voted yes. Adds, abatements, and escape Adds A26-101 through A26-104, B26-101 through B26-114, and E26-101 were approved as presented.

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

## CITY OF GARNETT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 25, 2025

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on November 25, 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 absent.

**Citizens of Garnett.**  
City Staff present: Donnie Dilley, Darin Wilson, Monica Hill

**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 citizens came forward.

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

A. Commissioner Cole - Congratulations to Sgt. Naylor for completion of current class taken. Thank you to Prairie Spirit Trail for decorating Donna Harris Park. Happy Thanksgiving to all of Garnett citizens.

B. Commissioner Wiehl - Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

C. Mayor Locke - Happy Thanksgiving, invited the citizens to attend the Chili/Soup Supper at the Fire Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting

B. Approval of Semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$291,741.52.

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second by Mayor Locke. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Consideration of Ordinance 4285: Changing the Zoning and Classification of Certain Land

Commissioner Wiehl motioned to approve Ordinance 4285 as presented. Second by Commissioner Cole.

Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

B. Consideration of Wastewater Project Contract

C. Consideration of Wastewater Project Amendment

Items B & C included together. Midwest Engineering presented answers to questions from previous Commission Meetings and options on contract for the project.

**STAFF UPDATES**

A. 4 Rivers- City Manager, Wilson, stated that beginning conversations have begun to investigate switching providers.

B. Water Plant-City Manager, Wilson, gave an update stating the architect for the project is currently out for surgery.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Infrastructure - Wastewater Project discussed earlier on agenda.

B. Sales Tax Breakdown-Discussion on how to split, no formal action taken.

C. City Office will be Closed November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Small Business Saturday, hosted by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on November 29th.

B. The Garnett Fire Department Chili & Soup Supper, hosted by the Garnett Fire Department, will be held at the Garnett Fire Department on November 29th.

C. The 55th Annual Christmas parade and Lighting Ceremony, hosted by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on the Downtown Square on November 29th.

D. Santa's Toy Shop, hosted by Melanie Modlin and Laura Hollon, will be held on December 1st.

E. Town Hall Agency Meeting, hosted by ACDA, Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, Garnett Community Foundation, and City of Garnett Tourism & Community Development, will be held on Thursday, December 11, at Town Hall Center at 7:00 p.m.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON)**  
No citizens came forward.

**SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS**  
Signing of documents approved during the commission meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Mayor Locke suggested a 5-minute break before entering Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Locke motioned to recess into Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6) for 5 minutes, starting at 7:31 p.m. with the following present: City Commissioners, City Manager Wilson, Economic Development Director, Jessica Mills via phone. Regular session to resume at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY.

7:36 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

Mayor Locke called the regular session back to order at 7:41 p.m. with no action taken.

Mayor Locke motioned to recess into Executive Session to discuss Non-Elected Personnel pursuant to

K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) for 5 minutes, starting at 7:41 p.m. with the following present: City Commission. Regular session to resume at 7:46 p.m. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

7:46 p.m.-7:48 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the executive session by 2 minutes. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

7:48 p.m. - City Manager, Wilson, was requested to attend the Executive Session. Mayor Locke motioned to extend the executive session by 30 minutes resuming at 8:18 p.m. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion.

Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

8:18 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the Executive Session 5 minutes, resuming at 8:23 p.m.

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

8:23 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the Executive Session 5 minutes, resuming at 8:28 p.m.

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

8:28 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the Executive Session 4 minutes, resuming at 8:33 p.m.

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

8:33 p.m. - Mayor Locke motioned to extend the Executive Session 7 minutes, resuming at 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Wiehl seconded the motion. Motion passed (3) AYE (0) NAY

8:40 p.m. - Mayor Locke called the regular session back to order with no action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479**

**November 10, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Crest Board Office, Colony, on Monday, November 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present - Seth Black, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson and Lance Ramsey.

Board Members Absent - Nathan Beckmon, Kevin Nilges and Laura Schmidt Others Present - Superintendent Shane Walter and Board Clerk Elizabeth Donnelly.

**Approval of Agenda**  
It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 4-0

**Approval of Consent Agenda**  
It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded Mr. Lance Ramsey to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the October 13th regular board meeting, bills in the amount of \$660,831.29. Enrollment Report and Budget Expenditure Report. Vote: 4-0

Board bills include an ANW SpEd State Aid flow-thru payment, KPERS quarterly flow-thru payment and the parking lot payment to Killough Construction.

Mr. Walter noted appreciation for an anonymous donor for the purchase of training equipment. Information Items

**ANW Special Education Minutes**

The minutes of October 8th, ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

**Superintendent/Principal Report**

Mr. Walter reported that the students completed the KSDE interim assessments.

Music concerts will be on

December 4th; the elementary will begin at 6:00pm; middle school/high school will begin following the conclusion and a brief intermission of the elementary concert.

Mr. Walter shared that the 2024-2025 four-year and five-year cohort graduation rates are 100%.

**Items of Business**

KESA-Mr. Walter discussed status of KESA 5-year accreditation plan and will have application to approve at December board meeting. Mr. Walter asked board members to think of topics for Site Council meeting.

District Insurance-Mr. Walter held a preliminary discussion regarding the district's coverage needs once the construction is completed. No Action taken.

Facility Improvements-Mr. Walter discussed installation of stone barrier on the south side of gym wall to prevent vehicles from impacting the building. He also discussed other costs and potential use of contingency funds. Mr. Walter shared updates on auxiliary gym floor. No action taken.

Resignations-It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Seth Black to accept the resignation from Dakota Sporing as Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Vote: 4-0

It was moved by Mrs. Jamie Henderson and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to accept the resignations of Cindy Rhodes as Cook and Connie Johnston as Cook Helper. Vote: 4-0

Personnel - Executive Session -It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing district staffing. The reason for the session was the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the boardroom at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Walter was invited to attend. Vote: 4-0

The open meeting reconvened in the boardroom at 8:12 p.m. and it was moved by Mr. Lance Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. Jamie Henderson to hire Dakota Sporing as Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach. Vote 4-0

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Seth Black and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Vote: 4-0

**ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED**

Ricardo Walcott and Pamela Walcott to Dalene Vencel: Lots 44 & 45 Hayden's Lakeview Estates Addition (Revised 1977) to City of Garnett.

Blake Anthony Nunes and Moriah Nunes to Richard L Banks: all of what was formerly block 7 in Orchard Park Addition to the City of Garnett, including the streets and alleys abutting thereon that have been vacated, less beginning at a point 40 feet south of the se corner of said block 7 in Orchard Park Addition, thence west 344 feet, thence north 238 feet, thence east 344 feet, thence south 238 feet to the pob, being in and a part of the ne/4 of 25-20-19.

Richard L Banks and Cheryl

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**BURNS**

JUNE 8, 1926-DECEMBER 2, 2025

Everett Burns, 99, of Salina, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025.

Born at home in 1926, Everett lived a life defined by service and an unshakable work ethic. He was a proud Army veteran of World War II, serving his country in the Philippines and Japan.

Everett dedicated his life to his profession. He was an avid and skilled dental technician who refused to let age slow him down, continuing his work with precision and pride until just a few years ago, well into his 90s. His enduring commitment to his profession was an inspiration to all who knew him.

A man of deep faith, Everett expressed his devotion through his generous spirit, always ready to offer a helping hand and a kind word to those in need within his community and church.

In 1949, Everett married Lenora Stricker Burns,

and they shared 44 years of marriage until her passing. He later found companionship with Barbara Srack Strowig, with whom he spent 21 years until her passing in 2015.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joker and Margaret (Sorenson) Burns; son, Richard Earl Burns; and brothers, Bernard and Gail.

He is survived by his daughter, Penny Hulet, and her husband, John; his grandsons, Scott and Derek; and his cherished great-grandchildren, Asher and Anathalie; and his long-time companion and friend, Joyce Catt.

A service at 11:00 will be held at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N 8th St in Salina, KS 67401, on Saturday, December 6th with visitation starting at 10:00. Interment will follow at the cemetery in Delavan, KS.

Memorials in Everett's name can be made to Salina First United Methodist Church.

**PAY...**

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According to a 2025 calculation of U.S. income distribution, a single earner needs about \$450,100 annually to rank among the top 1% nationwide according to the financial website Don't Quit Your Day Job. For households with more than one earner, the top 1% income threshold in 2025 is estimated at about \$659,060. So whether you look at a single person or a household makes a difference. However, even on a conservative single-earner basis, crossing roughly \$450,000 puts someone in the national top 1%.

When performing a similar calculation for Kansas alone, researchers estimat-

ed that the income (adjusted gross income, AGI) needed to be among the state's top 1% is about \$539,000, according to Ingram's quoting smartasset.com data for the Kansas City area. This reflects both state-by-state income distribution and the lower overall income levels in Kansas compared with high-income states. Because Kansas has fewer high-income earners compared with wealthy coastal metro areas, the top 1% in Kansas does not require the astronomical incomes seen in New York, California, or Washington, D.C. Instead, it reflects the peak of the state's more modest — but still substantial — income distribution.

The SEKMHC 2024 Form 990 shows several execu-

tives and physicians earning well above both the national and Kansas "1 percent" thresholds.

- CEO Nathan Fawson — \$889,099
- COO/Psychologist Doug Wright — \$670,522
- Urologist John Robinson — \$663,147
- CFO Job Springer — \$616,817
- Pediatrician — approx. \$532,000
- Director of Specialty Care — approx. \$517,000
- HR/Marketing Director — approx. \$501,000
- Director of Family Medicine — approx. \$469,000

Because these amounts are well over \$450,100, they place those individuals in the top 1% of U.S. earners. And because several

— particularly the CEO, COO, urologist, and CFO — exceed the roughly \$539,000 state-level threshold, they also belong in the top 1% of Kansas earners.

Even those at the lower end of that group (e.g., ~\$469,000-\$532,000) remain near or above the national top-1% line — and well above typical incomes in southeast Kansas overall.

Per-capita personal income in many southeast Kansas counties is \$50,000-\$55,000 per year, according to the 2024 Regional Data Explorer at the Bureau of Economic Analysis. SEKMHC's highest earners make 8-15 times the local per-capita income, and nearly all of them qualify as top 1% earners nationally.

**RECORDS...**

FROM PAGE 2

A Hurd to Richard L Banks and Cheryl A Hurd: All of what was formerly block 7 in Orchard Park Addition to the City of Garnett, including the streets and alleys abutting thereon that have been vacated, less beginning at a point 40 feet south of the se corner of said block 7 in Orchard Park Addition, thence west 344 feet, thence north 238 feet, thence east 344 feet, thence south 238 feet to the pob, being in and a part of the ne/4 of 25-20-19.

Julia M Willard and Lloyd Willard to Zenn David Ratliff, Michelle A Ratliff and Madison R Shockley: Commencing 310 feet south of the nw corner of the ne/4 of 24-21-17, thence south 200 feet, thence east 225 feet, thence north 200 feet, thence west 225 feet to the pob.

Barry Douglas Eno and Barbara Rae Eno to Barry

Douglas Eno, Barbara Rae Eno, Christopher D Eno and Crystal L Eno: Tract "a" in ne4 34-20-19 described as follows: Beg at nwcwr ne4 34-20-19, thence north 89°37'36" east for a distance of 330.00 feet along north line of said quarter section; thence south 00°03'11" west for a distance of 1325.14 feet, thence south 89°44'51" west for a distance of 330.00 feet to pt on west line of said quarter section; thence north 00°03'12" east for a distance of 1324.45 feet along west line and of said quarter section to pob; & tract "b" in ne4 34-20-19 described as follows: beg at nwcwr ne4 34-20-19, thence north 89°37'36" east for a distance of 330.00 feet along north line of said quarter section to true pob; thence north 89°37'36" east for a distance of 330.00 feet along north line of said quarter section; thence south 00°03'11" west for a distance of 1325.84 feet; thence south 89°44'51" west for a dis-

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**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.

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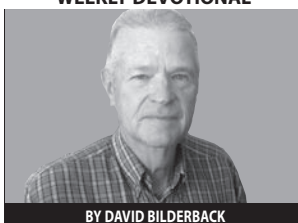
**ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS**

(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.

**God spoke through Jeremiah**

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

Jeremiah was the major prophet during the decline and fall of the southern kingdom of Judah and the author of the book of Jeremiah. He was called to the prophetic ministry in 627 B.C. and his ministry lasted 40 years until the last days of the nation of Judah when Jerusalem was destroyed in 587/586 B.C. In Jeremiah 1:17-19 we read God's call to the prophet. "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them (the Hebrews) whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land-against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you for I am with you and will rescue you declares the LORD." Jeremiah's response was, "No Lord God!" The prophet then saw the hand of God reaching out and touching his mouth. "Behold I have put my words in your mouth," God declared. From that moment, the words of the prophet were to be the words of God. Jeremiah became God's chosen instrument.

At times Jeremiah tried to hold back from his prophetic ministry. But he found that the word of God was like a burning fire shut up in his bones. Although the old covenant had been renewed again and again throughout Israel's history the people continued to break the promises they had made to God. Having just completed a reading of the book of Jeremiah I still see today the same lack of commitment in people that plagued Jeremiah's ministry. God told Jeremiah "they will fight against you." (1:19) People are willing to give up eternal life for what the world can give to them. It may seem we are losing the fight for peoples' souls however God told Jeremiah "they will not overcome you ." The message will be preached and the kingdom will move forward. The question is will you help carry it forward?

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

**MEETING...**

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made up of local businesses and business-minded individuals that pursues community endeavors from a business perspective; Garnett's Community Development office is more recently created with the aim of pushing to market the city as a destination for residents and business and boost local activities; the Anderson County Development Agency's job is to pursue industry and help retain already-existing business concerns and root out grant funding for various public and private projects; The Garnett Community Foundation offers a tax-exempt option to donate private funds to be used locally for various endeavors.

It's a mashup of different missions and staff with one overall goal: to make Anderson County and its towns better. ACED Director Jessica Mills said the Dec. 11 meeting was

designed to educate the public about what resources are available but aren't always broadly known or understood.

"We have so many tools, programs, and opportunities available, yet the average resident often doesn't know where to start or who to ask," Mills said. "A regular gathering creates an easy doorway for information, support, and solutions to flow more naturally."

The county has a range of challenges that aren't unique but are nonetheless present and impacting here, making maximizing every resource under solid leadership and direction critical. The local economy is heavily dependent on crops and cattle prices and commodities that affect them, and on government payrolls which constitute the largest local employer. Proximity to larger urban areas and relative small population limits local retail prospects. The population has held virtually stagnant for decades at around 7,800, and rising

costs of services and infrastructure repair increase pressure on a small, residential property-dependent tax base.

Mills said the breadth of the four offices may overlap, but together they compile a more broad analysis of what the community needs.

"No one person or organization can do everything. But working together, we can fill gaps more effectively, support residents more fully, and make progress that's harder to accomplish in isolation," she said.

Mills said the Dec. 11 gathering is the maiden

voyage of the outreach effort, with a plan to continue on a monthly basis in the new year with meetings highlighting resources from other regional organizations.

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# Kansas GOP: High marks for eight years

For the past eight years, while national politics has lurched from one crisis to another, Kansas has been a place where conservative policymaking has actually produced results.

With durable Republican supermajorities in both chambers, the Legislature has delivered a record that many other states envy: lower taxes, stronger local accountability, reduced regulation, and firm commitments to traditional values. These successes haven't come from luck—they've come from the persistence of lawmakers who resisted pressure and kept Kansas on a steady, conservative course.

Perhaps the most immediately felt win for Kansas families has been tax relief. After years of debate, the Legislature passed multiple rounds of income-tax reforms that simplified brackets, raised standard deductions, and shielded most Social Security recipients from state income tax. In short, retirees—who built this state—no longer get punished for staying here. Meanwhile, the long-promised elimination of the state sales tax on groceries is finally being realized. For decades, Kansans paid among the highest grocery taxes in America. Republicans made ending it a priority, and they delivered.

But tax policy hasn't been the only area where lawmakers have acted. The Legislature also reined in runaway local property taxes through the Truth in Taxation law, requiring cities, counties, and school districts to publicly vote—on the record—before raising mill levies. For too long, local governments quietly pocketed windfalls from rising valuations while claiming they never raised taxes. Those days are gone. Thanks to Republican leadership, taxpayers now get transparency and accountability before they get the bill.

The Legislature also took a hard look at the regulatory tangle that had been strangling small businesses. Occupational licensing reforms now make it easier for skilled workers moving to Kansas to get licensed without bureaucratic delays. A new “regulatory sandbox” lets innova-

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tive companies test ideas without wading through outdated red tape. These are exactly the kinds of pro-growth policies that attract investment and keep Kansas competitive in a changing economy.

Not all accomplishments have been economic. In recent years, lawmakers stood firm on cultural issues that national Democrats and legacy media insist Kansans should shy away from. The Legislature passed laws protecting women's spaces by defining biological sex clearly in state statutes. It restricted irreversible gender-transition procedures for minors—aligning Kansas with a growing number of states that believe children shouldn't be rushed into life-altering medical decisions. Republican majorities also moved to ban ranked-choice voting, ensuring election integrity and maintaining straightforward, traditional ballot processes.

And through all of this, Republicans have held—and even strengthened—a veto-proof supermajority, allowing them to override executive obstruction and govern decisively.

Kansas isn't perfect and never will be. But over the past eight years, while other states veered toward higher taxes, more bureaucracy, and experimental social policy, Kansas moved in the opposite direction: toward lower taxes, more freedom, and a clearer vision of family and community. That's worth recognizing—and continuing. ###

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## Letters to the editor

### Article on roads filled with chugholes, reader says

I read the recent article concerning our county roads in Anderson County and I have to say that I found it extremely humorous, the article titled “Are You Killing Your Own Road?” I do understand that there are some drivers out on the county roads that do drive too fast, and I also understand that being a rural community we have tractors, combines, large sprayers, and stock trailers that use the county roads, but there are fundamental things that could be done to keep the roads in much better shape.

The article mentions having proper crowns on the road to allow drainage to take place, I would challenge all of the county commissioners, and the

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# PHONE FORUM

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I am very disgusted with this Big Beautiful Bill that says that nurses, if it passes, nurses will not get as much help to go through a nursing school because they would be considered not professionals.

As the Trump abomination continues its chaos, the make America Great Again mantra is fast becoming, Make America, God Awful.

I read a quote that I'd like to read that fits into today's society. “Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”

# “Sinister Six” granted immediate Dem privilege

Democrats stood firm on their efforts to sabotage the Trump administration this week. It was their latest attempt to manipulate the American public through lies and deception, and create a wave of malcontent and sow political chaos nationwide.

The “sinister six,” which includes Sen. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH), Rep. Chris Deluzio (D-PA), and Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), insisted they did nothing illegal or wrong after they called for military personnel and members of the intelligence community to defy President Donald Trump.

All of them delivered a hyperbolic performative claim that it was their constitutional duty to do so. Yet, none of them could detail exactly what orders Trump gave that were illegal and necessary to defy. This is what is known as Democratic privilege. This condition allows left-wing elected officials to engage in dramatic, performative, pearl-clutching antics that are immoral, unethical, and questionable in legality, under the guise of whatever virtue signaling cause they happen to be focused on that day. It's all a sham and meant to sow political chaos. Sadly, this is nothing new and has been occurring for decades.

The Bolsheviks and Soviets had their show trials; the 21st-century Democrats have their performative political social

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**CHRIS TREMOGLIE, WASHINGTON EXAMINER**

media dramas. The methodology has evolved in response to societal norms and technological advancements, but the objective remains the same: to influence public opinion by crafting a narrative that portrays political opponents as committing grave injustices, despite contrary facts and evidence. In the United States, these left-wing antics can be traced back to the late 1960s (think the Chicago 7), when radical Democrats used the seeds of discontent to manipulate public opinion and advance political agendas.

Consider some of the events in 2025 that demonstrated this Democratic privilege — acts that normal people would have been thrown in jail for. However, because elected Democrats committed them, they were given a pass, or a narrative was advanced that the Democrats involved in the questionable and chaotic behavior were victims instead of aggressors.

sors.

For example, there was Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan, who helped an illegal immigrant avoid federal agents in April. This was a crime, and as a result, Dugan was arrested by the FBI and indicted. In every other circumstance, a person being arrested after helping a criminal evade capture by a federal agent would not have warranted any outrage. However, in Dugan's case, because she is a Democrat and her actions aligned with Democratic ideology, she was portrayed as the victim. The narrative became “Trump is arresting judges.”

Democrats, who claim to be so concerned with “illegal orders,” had no such objections for Dugan. Not only did they not object, but Democrats supported her to do so and crafted her criminal behavior as being an innocent victim of Trump's authoritarianism. This is just one of many examples of Democrats not caring about the law or “illegal orders.” They only care about advancing their agenda. The legality of the tactics used is irrelevant.

This is Democratic privilege, and it is indicative of the current scenario involving Kelly, Slotkin, and the rest of the “sinister six.”

Another example is Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA). Who can forget Padilla's bru-

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# Epstein files tell Trumpless tail of big money networking

It's not what you know, it's who you know — even if you may have committed terrible crimes. That's the Jeffrey Epstein version of the famous line about success.

The massive tranche of Epstein emails released by the House Oversight Committee didn't reveal any smoking guns about Donald Trump, but they did highlight a vast conspiracy to help the disgraced financier thrive despite his guilty plea to sex charges involving a minor in 2008.

This conspiracy wasn't the work of the Deep State, or Israel, or the Jews. No, it was more pedestrian and damning than that. An element of the American elite embraced Epstein as one of its own, thanks to his wealth and his connections. The conservative thinker Russell Kirk once quipped of conspiracy theories about Dwight Eisenhower that Ike wasn't a communist; he was a golfer. In a similar vein, Jeffrey Epstein wasn't a Mossad agent; he was a networker.

The implausible populist narrative about the Epstein case is that the government — at all levels and up to today — has protected him and others who participated in his crimes because too many powerful people have too much at stake, or because it's too dangerous to reveal Israel's role in the scandal, or both. Perhaps these interpretations will gain factual support as more is revealed,

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**RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate**

but it seems unlikely.

Regardless, populists have a different narrative at hand that is consistent with the known record. Namely, that some of the most privileged members of our society — at the very top of the financial, academic, political, media and social worlds — had no standards or ethics, and embraced Epstein as a friend and consigliere.

Epstein knew influential people, so influential people felt that they should know him. They considered him fun, and useful — for advice, for banter, for introductions, for information and for donations. The emails suggest that Epstein missed his calling as a high-level, seamy advice columnist to the rich and powerful.

Want to know more about the rep-

utation of the woman you are having an affair with? Seeking advice on how to gain political influence in Europe? Wondering how you're handling your interactions with a potential mistress? Looking for insights about Donald Trump? Trying to survive sexual harassment allegations? Need a reference for a gastroenterologist? Well, then, ask Jeffrey Epstein.

He emailed with former Harvard president Larry Summers, the linguist Noam Chomsky, venture capitalist Boris Nikolic, Emirati businessman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Trump activist Steve Bannon, the journalist Michael Wolff, the artist Andres Serrano, the department store scion Jonathan Farkas and former White House counsel Kathryn Ruemmler, among others. It's not as though Epstein was particularly insightful, but if he knew so many important people, he must know something, right?

As for his scrape with the law, clearly all had been forgiven and forgotten. If he was in the good graces of the social wrangler Peggy Siegal, whose job was to get bold-faced names to accept invitations, he must be OK. For some of Epstein's correspondents, it was part of his appeal that he was disreputable. Larry Summers, who leaned on Epstein

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## Branson trip - Day 2

Day two, Tuesday, November 18th our Branson trip continued. Up at 5:30 and ate breakfast at the motel before departing for the day. We boarded the bus at 8:55 headed for the Clay Cooper Theater where we were entertained by Clay and the Country Express. Clay is the number one country western entertainer in Branson.

At 12:45 we had lunch at the Heroes Taste and Taps Restaurant. We had a wonderful country music entertainer all through our lunch time. He sang a lot of the old time songs, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

At 2:30 we arrived at the Pepsi Legends Theatre and were really impressed by a group of entertainers called the SIX! After this show we loaded our bus and headed for dinner at the SS DOCKSIDE CAFE.

After dinner we drove

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to the MICKEY GILLEY THEATER where we were entertained by the Texas Tenors.

Our day was still not over at 10:00 pm. Before returning to our motel we took a long bus ride through the "Lights of Joy" Christmas Trail. They were beautiful. After a long day, we arrived back at our motel at 11:00pm, all of us were ready for bed.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*  
1Dec2025 - Henry Roeckers

## 110 years ago...Governor Capper speaks at Colony and Lone Elm

### THAT WAS THEN



PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST

Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

**1885 - 140 years ago**  
December 4 - A band of Gypsies are camped near town and the small boy governs himself accordingly and lays low.

December 4 - The liberal people of this city and vicinity donated Thanksgiving Day, two barrels of books and papers to be sent to Rev. Matthews, the great prison philanthropist, for distribution in prisons. The donation will do good.

**1905 - 120 years ago**  
December 5 - The parties connected with the fight yesterday that led up to Frank Hayes being shot by Sheriff Wycoff for resisting arrest, were taken before Judge McDonald yesterday afternoon. After hearing the tale of difficulties Judge McDonald fined Georgina Grubbs and John Hubert \$100 each and costs for unlawfully living together. Alva Hayes, wife of Frank Hayes who was shot was fined \$5.00 and costs for disturbing the peace. No complaint as yet has been filed against Frank Hayes. He was resting comfortably this morning. We understand that arrangements have been made to remove him to his home where Drs. Craig and Milligan will probe for the bullet in his hip.

December 8 - The game of football at the Driving

Park between the Garnett team and the Greeley boys was very disappointing to those who were in attendance. It was evident from the very first that Garnett had the visitors out-classed and in a general way had things all their own way. Nice plays were made by Backstein, Johnson, Archer, Milligan and Manners and in fact all the home boys put up a nice game. Fink of Greeley could easily star for the visitors.

December 8 - Uncle Frank Hobart is over seventy-seven years of age, but he can give the boys pointers on skating. He was down on the lake with the other "kids," Monday, and is said to have been the most graceful skater of the whole crowd. He does a lot of fancy skating too. Besides, he uses a pair of skates which he has had more than sixty years.

**1915 - 110 years ago**  
December 9 - Governor Capper spoke at Colony and Lone Elm last Sunday, to large audiences. At both places, he had overflowing houses. The burden of his talks was Peace, and the ideas he expressed were enthusiastically received by his hearers.

**1925 - 100 years ago**  
December 10 - Because of the recent outbreak of rabies in the central part of Anderson County, W.



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December 1985 - CCC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM.. poses with their individual ribbons and trophies. Left to right: Tom Reedy, contest superintendent; Nick Wells, CCC coach; Randy Ratliff, Brad Krebs, Mike Stoppel, Clay Rusk and Lance Huck.

G. West, representing the state livestock sanitary department, was in the county last week making an investigation of the matter. Mr. West wishes to caution everyone to be on guard against dogs that might have been infected with rabies. All suspicious dogs should be tied up at least one week to see if rabies develop. The county health officer should be notified in case people are exposed, and the sheriff should be advised if strange dogs appear in the various localities and act abnormal.

**1935 - 90 years ago**  
December 5 - Voluntarily signing receipts stating they would not collect witness fees, neighbors of Leonard Linn cut \$88.10 off of the court cost he must pay in the stabbing at a Deer Creek school meeting.

Linn's parole was extended to March 2 in the district court Monday when he paid \$250 toward a fine of \$200 and costs that formerly totaled \$210 until his neighbors planned their friendly gesture. Witnesses for both the state and Linn were among those who contributed their fee to "the cause."

**1965 - 60 years ago**  
December 6 - The first Anderson County married men to be called by the Selective Service for induction last week received notices to report to Kansas City. The draft board here declined to make public the names of those called, but indicated that of six men called for induction, at least one was married. Anderson County's January quota has not yet been announced.

## FELONY...

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and a count of mistreatment of an elderly person, stemming from a series of cattle purchases he made from Ron Ratliff of Garnett between October and December of 2022. Ratliff won a civil judgement for \$3.7 million dollars, which he told the Review encompasses charges Smith owes which are not included in the criminal filing. He was in the

process of attempting to collect on that judgement last spring. Smith is renown in numerous states for chicanery involving cattle purchases dating back to 2001, with numerous felony charges and lawsuits a matter of record and posted on the Internet. Still, livestock industry professionals say billions of dollars in cattle are traded each year in the U.S. on little more than a handshake and word of mouth.

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 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  
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**Friday, December 5, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
 9:00 a.m. - Pancakes w/Santa @VFW Post 6397

**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

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Mtg  
 1:30 p.m. - Ministerial Alliance  
 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 Optimist Club Meeting

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT  
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Auxiliary Mtg  
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Mtg  
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at the Senior Center  
 6:30 p.m. - Manly & Merry Men's Shopping Night  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting

**Friday, December 12, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

## GES Thanksgiving Day Parade



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 The Garnett Elementary School 3rd & 5th graders had their own Thanksgiving Day parade last week. Above and left photo are 5th graders and their floats and below is 3rd graders with their balloons they decorated.

## Hyatt club meet Nov. 11

Hostesses Marilyn Benjamin and Kay Wisdom had Hyatt Club Nov 11th 2025 on Veterans Day. It was held at the Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church. We had a delicious potato bar with potluck sides from the members.

The mystery gift was passed around and Ruth Ann McDonald guessed a birdfeeder. Hostess gift was won by Patty Mosher.

We had a fun Trivia game, postcards were passed to each member with a movie written on it, Marilyn would give a song title and you had to match your movie to the song title. We each received a homemade cookie when we had the right answer. It was a fun time. Diane Hastert

gave the treasurer's report and read the minutes. We collected \$5 dues per member for 2026 and drew new names for 2026 for secret pals. Birthday gifts from secret pals were given to Sandra Hamilton, Erin Miller, Donna Benjamin and Sherry Benjamin; they all received nice gifts to help celebrate their birthday.

December 8th, will be Christmas Hyatt Club, noon at the Archer room at the library. Reveal secret pals, and play BINGO for a gift. This will be a wrap for Hyatt Club 2025, we will have new adventures for 2026. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Secretary, Becky King

## LOWRY...

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for romantic advice, asked him at one point: "How is life among the lucrative and louche?"

Epstein's social currency is one reason that he got off so easily the first time he was prosecuted -- he hired the best, most connected defense attorneys, who outclassed and intimidated his prosecutors.

As for Trump, he is guilty of enjoying Epstein's company a couple of decades ago, presumably for the same reason so many others did. But he had a falling

out with Epstein long ago. Trump didn't have anything to do with him at the time that so many others in these emails were socializing with Epstein, confiding in him and asking him for insight on Trump. That's a disgrace, and it's always been in plain sight. In the Epstein story, it's not so much follow the money -- although that's important and still mysterious -- as follow the social network.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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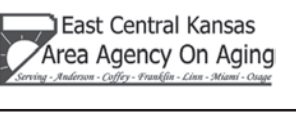


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Above - Christy and Ron Ratliff at the All American Jersey Show in Louisville, KY. Ratliff Jerseys received both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards. Over 400 head were judged at the show held in November.

Below right - Judge Christy Ratliff at work during the All American Junior Jersey Show in Louisville, KY. She and her associate judge, sorted through 295 head at the show held November 7.

Ratliff Jerseys received Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor in the All American Jersey Show in Louisville, Kentucky in November. Over 400 head were judged and based on 6 head, Christy Ratliff won Premier Breeder with a 1st, 4- 2nd place and 1 -5th place finish. She received Premier Exhibitor based on 6 head with a 1st place and 5- 2nd place. Listed are results from that show and the World Dairy Expo in October.

Ratliff Machine Virtue-ET, 1st Sr 2 year old, Intermediate Champion-All American Show, 1st World Dairy Expo. Ratliff Comerica Dana: 1st Winter Yearling Best Bred and Owned of the heifer show -All American Show and 5th World Dairy Expo. Budjohn-Vail Joel Shenandoah-ET,

2nd Winter Heifer Calf -All American Show and 3rd World Dairy Expo. Ratliff Rock & Roll Deniem, 2nd Milking Yearling -All American Show and 4th World Dairy Expo, Ratliff Wicked April, 2nd Jr 2 year old -All American Show. Ratliff Lolalala Vivid-ET 2nd Jr 3 yr old -All American Show and 6th World Dairy Expo. Kunde Abel Natty 2nd 4 yr old (All American) Grand Champion Wisconsin Summer Show, Grand Champion Oklahoma Spring Show and 4th World Dairy Expo. Ratliff Ladd Vicki 5th Production Class -All American Show and 5th World Dairy Expo. Ratliff Irwin Vancy 2nd Production Class -All American Show and 2nd World Dairy Expo. Produce of Dam 1st at All American



Show and World Dairy Expo, Best 3 Females, 1st All American Show and 2nd World Dairy Expo.

Christy also judged at multiple shows including the Jr. All American Jersey Show in Louisville,

KY, Iowa State, Western National Jersey Show, Salem, UT; JR Show in Odgen, UT and Assistant Judge for the Western National Holstein Show in Richmond, Utah.

# Hastert's 90th birthday

Dale Hastert will be celebrating his 90th birthday December 12th. He celebrated in Branson with a trip to Silver Dollar City where he walked all day, was sung to and honored for his 90th birthday.

He will be spending his special day with his family.

Cards may be sent to: 325 S. Cleveland Garnett, KS 66032



Hastert

# Train collections on display at the Garnett Library

With our Holiday Season upon us, the Garnett Library filled their display case with some more historical model trains from the Mike Canavan and Skip Landis collections. Mike's collection specializes in "N" gauge while Skip's collection is vintage "O" gauge.

The "O" gauge sets give a glance back to 50's and early 90's series of Lionel steam & diesel driven trains. This month's display offers the 50th anniversary Lionel Union Pacific passenger set and 90th anniversary Lionel Christmas set. Perhaps one of these was under the Christmas tree when you were growing up? This years "N" gauge

display from Mike Canavan features a Kansas City Southern engine with cars representing various Midwestern rail lines including an Atchison Topeka Santa Fe caboose and a Leigh Valley engine with various cars representing Eastern rail lines. Also being displayed are pieces of railroad working equipment.

Stop by and once more take a look at the display case, and perhaps, visions of your childhood, or the love of those steam engines and diesel engines sets under the Christmas tree could bring you back in time. "Happy New Year and may the Spirit of model rail roading be with you and yours."

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