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Studies: When schools close, small towns take the hit

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY - A body of research on the subject of rural school closures shows while some short-term financial gains are made for school districts that close schools in rural towns, the impact on those towns are broad and often irreversible.

A major 72-study consolidation review by the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado Boulder found that while some district consolidations create short-term administrative efficiencies, long-term savings are often minimal once transportation, facilities, staffing shifts, and geographic factors are included. The review concluded that "anticipated savings are frequently overstated," and that rural districts rarely achieve sustained cost reductions. A report by the Washington State University Rural Education Center documented that when small-town schools close, the host community typically experiences "significant loss of jobs and negative economic impact." Teachers, aides, cooks, custodians and office staff are usually reassigned to another town - and their payroll, spending power, and tax contributions leave with them.

A national analysis by Research for Action (2024) found that rural school closures commonly lead to reduced housing demand, falling property values, and weakened business activity. Similarly, a 2022 economic study published through Brown University's Annenberg Institute reported measurable declines in town property-value assessments after rural districts consolidated and closed local buildings.

A peer-reviewed article in Social Science Research (2021) found that rural school closures are associated with accelerated out-migration, especially among families with school-age children, and with lon-

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Board proposes closing Greeley Elementary

Low enrollment, high costs cited in latest talks targeting facility

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY - A topic that has stirred local emotions off and on for more than 30 years is arising again in USD 365, with board members setting a January 8th meeting for public input on a proposal to close the elementary school at Greeley.

A statutorily required public notice is published in today's review on page 10, calling the meeting at 7:15 PM on January 8th at the school board offices at Ray Meyer Gym in Garnett.

School board president Adam Caylor told the Review Tuesday the proposal came about as part of an annual review of facilities and finances which the board

set in motion two years ago. Greeley's enrollment of only 46 children in grades Pre-K - 6th combined with apparent maintenance and repair needs on the 60+ year-old building make it a target for abandonment, Caylor said. In 2010 the school benefited from a bond issue that replaced the 1949-era gym floor, new windows, restroom renovations, new flooring in the lunchroom, new roofing, replacement of the heating/cooling system and sealing of the exterior of the building, according to the school's website.

The public notice states the reasons for closing the school as consistent low enrollment and a reduction in operational and repair costs that can be re-employed for students district wide. A facilities report on the district website the Greeley school needs a replacement of its fire panel system, some exterior electrical

repairs and extensive improvement for resurfacing and equipment on its playground. The report says the roof on the building is questionable but not in need of immediate large repair.

Still, Caylor noted it was twice as expensive to educate a student at Greeley elementary as compared to a student at Garnett Elementary School when costs were broken down on a per head basis. He said the financial dictates of the district required serious consideration of the future of the Greeley facility.

"We have to take financial responsibility very, very seriously," Caylor said. Caylor said it wasn't prudent for the district to use new tax money to shore up old buildings.

The future of Greeley Elementary and to a lesser degree Westphalia Elementary has been up in the air since at least 1987, when voters district

wide decided 2-1 to keep the Greeley school open in a special referendum. At that time Westphalia's enrollment was expanding, but both schools have faced an uncertain future each time the issue of district facilities has been broached. Enrollment gains during the 2010 bond election that built Garnett Elementary School and invested in Greeley, Mont Ida and Westphalia made the continuance of those rural schools important to the district's facility plan, but falling enrollment since then has made space board members say could be filled by Greeley's students.

Enrollment in USD 365 toppled from more than 1,160 students in 2008-2009 to 961 in 2022-2023. Enrollments in schools across Kansas have declined over that same period due primarily to out-migration of population and

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CA office \$33,000 over budget

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County attorney Steve Wilson

says the backlog of cases he took over from his predecessor the first of this year as well as an ongoing deluge of prosecutions in county court have led to a \$33,000 budget overrun in the county attorney's office coming into the end of 2025.



Wilson

"Initially the overtime was attributable to catching up and getting a handle on my predecessor's workload," Wilson told the Review this week. "The last few months my case load has exploded."

Wilson said prepping for preliminary hearings and trials requires a large number of hours in labor costs.

"Our new full time assistant has had a number of hours in overtime," Wilson said. "That will decrease sig-

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Accused priest killer headed to Larned hospital for competency determination

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

SENECA - A man accused of murdering a popular Seneca priest last April is headed for Larned State Hospital for a psychological examination to determine if he's competent to stand trial, after a competency hearing in Nemaha District Court last week.



Hermes

angry outburst during a separate Zoom hearing October

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Kansas: Nukes, down under

Bi-partisan, county-backed plan makes Parsons first in what may be power's new age

BY CELIA LLOPIS-JEPSEN THE KANSAS NEWS SERVICE

PARSONS - Parsons, Kansas, will be the site of a California startup's first ever 1-mile-deep nuclear reactor - with support from county commissioners, both Republican Kansas U.S. senators and Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's administration.

Deep Fission will hold a ceremonial groundbreaking on Tuesday at Great Plains Industrial Park. Company leaders hope to receive U.S. Department of Energy authorization and get its nuclear reactor up and running by next Fourth of July. The company is part of a presidential pilot program that aims to demonstrate new reactors by then. After that, Deep Fission hopes to pursue commercial operations.

"The industrial park is looking to bring in, to attract industry and possibly data centers or other large uses of electricity," Deep Fission CEO Liz Muller said in an interview with the Kansas News Service. "But in order to attract them, it needs to have a source of electricity."

Deep Fission is an advanced nuclear company founded in 2023 that promises to place small nuclear

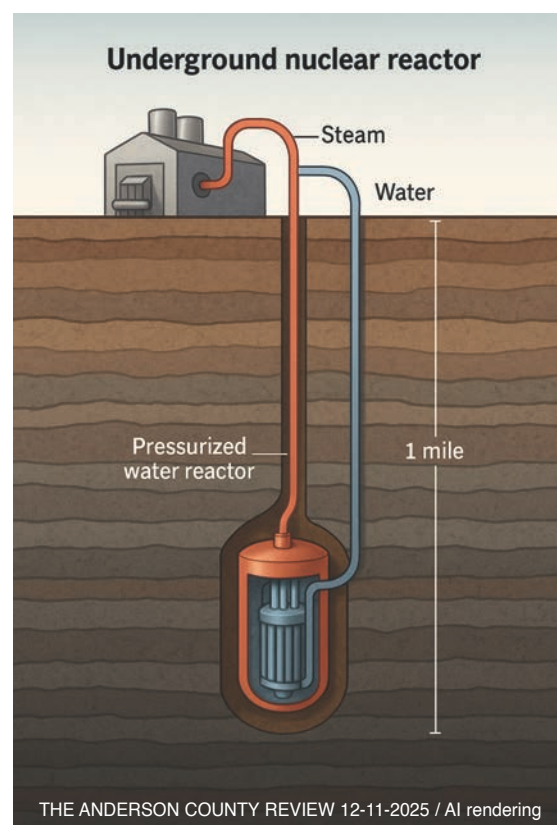
reactors at the bottom of 30-inch wide, mile-deep boreholes.

In Kansas, a standard nuclear power plant proposal from an electricity company would need to pass through the agency that regulates utilities - the Kansas Corporation Commission - for a siting permit and public hearings, among other steps. However, the KCC said it doesn't have enough information yet to know the full extent of its jurisdiction over Deep Fission's project. For example, it remains to be seen whether the company will fall under laws that apply to electric utilities.

"The nature of Deep Fission's operations will determine whether it qualifies as an electric utility," the KCC said in a recent email.

Deep Fission's letter of intent with the industrial park ultimately envisions a full-scale commercial project.

Parsons offers the opportunity to



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"potentially grow with the Park for decades to come," the company said in a press release.

This would mean installing more nuclear reactors over the years,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PET REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 1
The City of Garnett wants to remind citizens to register their dogs/cats with the City of Garnett before March 1, 2026. A late registration fee will be assessed to any registration on or after March 1, 2026, for twice the amount of the annual registration fee.

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.

Cherry Mound holds November meeting

Cherry Mound's monthly 4H meeting was called to order on November 9, 2025, by President Chance Witherspoon. Roll Call was "What is a food you dislike?" This was answered by 7 members. Minutes from last meeting were read by Myah Martin and approved as written. Myah also reported that the report was sent to the paper. Treasurer report was from Jaron Ludolph he reported that the club has a balance of \$3465.91 with no new activity. Songs were by Eva Jimenez. Leader's report was given by Chance Witherspoon. Reminding all members to get enrolled by December 1st. Also, the council meeting was going to be held November 10 at the extension office. Achievement night is tonight at 5 if anyone is going to go. New business was that the Club has been asked to work the Ethanol Plant Christmas Party again this year. It will be December 5th. Motion was made by Max Jimenez to do the fundraiser with the Ethanol Plant. Second, by Myah Martin. Motion passed. We have in the past done Socks for Seniors. Are we as a club still wanting to do this? Motion was made by Max Jimenez to do Socks for Seniors again. Seconded by Jaron Ludolph. Motion passed. Meeting was turned over to Vice President Max Jimenez for the program. Chance Witherspoon did a demonstrative talk on how to build a pitcher's mound at home. Agenda for next meeting was read, and the meeting was turned back over to Chance Witherspoon. Motion was made by Max to adjourn the meeting this was seconded by Jaron. Motion passed. Next meeting is December 7, 2025, at 4:30 at Westphalia Elementary School

Reporter: Myah Martin

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 1, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 1, 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.

Welda Township
The Commissioners received a letter from Melissa Miller, Welda Township Trustee, and Peggy McGregor, Welda Township Treasurer, requesting the appointment of Dennis Lankard to the vacant Welda Township Clerk position. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to appoint Dennis Lankard as the Welda Township Clerk seat to fill the vacancy. All voted yes.

Road & Bridge
Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He informed the commission he will be getting bids for oil and fuel for 2026. Discussion was held on motor graders and schedule of replacement for equipment as well as road maintenance.

Resolution
Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2025-22 adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. All voted yes.

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

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

Connie Dunlap to Connie Dunlap, April Dunlap, Dustin Stevin and Raymond Dunlap: Lot 1 & east 10' lot 2 blk 39 City of Colony.

Anthony Deon George Bell and Naomi Bell to David J Hostetler: Lot 22 blk 16 City of Garnett.

Stan Boots to Justin Allen Boots: The ne/4 of 9-23-18.

Kaley C Kratzberg, Kaley C Nilges, FKA and Keith Kratzberg to Elizabeth Soto Gomes and Guillermo Islas Garcia: Lots 13 and 14 and the w/2 of lot 15 in block 19 in the City of Garnett.

Stanley C Boots to Travis Williams, Melissa Geffert-Williams and Billy G Houston & Lana F Houston Rev Living Trust: The sw/4 of 21-22-19.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On November 14, a vehicle driven by Francisco Javier Lopez-Chico, Kansas City, was traveling on US 169 Hwy when he struck a deer.

On November 16, a vehicle driven by Timothy Joe Clark Jr, Garnett, was traveling southbound on US 169 Hwy when he

struck a deer.

On November 17, a vehicle driven by Mark Laray Chandler, LeRoy, was traveling west on K-58 Hwy when he struck a deer.

On November 18, a vehicle driven by Camryn Ruth Rodriguez, Chanute, was traveling south on US 169 Hwy when she struck a deer.

On November 19, a vehicle driven by Joshua David Meo, De Soto, was traveling northbound on US 169 Hwy when he struck a deer.

On November 19, a vehicle driven by David Vaughn Henderson, Garnett, was traveling south on US 169 Hwy when he struck a deer.

On November 26, a vehicle driven by Lori Lynn Colhouer, Kansas City, Missouri, was traveling south on US 169 Hwy just south of K-58 Hwy when she struck a deer.

On November 27, a vehicle driven by Michael David Hasty, Parker, was involved in a non-injury one-vehicle accident on 1700 Road near Vermont Road.

On December 2, a vehicle driven by Laurie Ann Hay, Greeley, was traveling south on US 169 Hwy when she struck a deer.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FILED

On December 1, Nicole Lee Benoit was charged with speeding 45 mph in a 35 mph zone.

On December 1, Anita Faye Shelter was charged with speeding 53 mph in a 30 mph zone.

On December 2, Donn Jeffrey Sanders was charged with driving while suspended.

On December 4, Brandon S Riley was charged with driving while a habitual violator.

On December 4, Kade Mathew Nilges, was charged with defective tail lamp on motor vehicle.

On December 4, Summer Faye Jordan was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 4, Beksultan Almazbek Uulu was charged with 47 mph in a 30 mph zone.

ANDERSON COUNTY DOMESTIC CASES FILED

On November 5, Kristy Wilper and Joseph Wilper filed a Petition for Divorce.

On November 17, Katelyn Suzanne Varadi and Robert Varadi filed a Petition for Divorce.

On November 30, Aaron Brooks and Aubree Brooks filed a Petition for Divorce.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Marcas Montgomery McSwane has been charged with aggravated arson, criminal use of explosives and criminal damage to property.

Marcas Montgomery McSwane has been charged with criminal deprivation of property, driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol, driving while suspended and

transporting an open container.

Keith Aaron White has been charged with domestic battery and criminal restraint

Shelby Jean Guyett has been charged with domestic battery.

Garrett Luther Ross has been charged with driving under the influence; 4th/subsequent conviction and driving while suspended; 2nd or subsequent conviction.

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

Cody Bahnsen and Haylee Breeleynn Meiwes have filled out an application for a Marriage License.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED

On December 3, Conner Michael Aldridge, Iola, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 4, Rylan Joseph Blacketer-Frazier, Garnett, was arrested for sexual exploitation of a child and unlawful sexual relations; intercourse>14<16.

On December 4, Garrett Luther Ross, Humboldt, was arrested for DUI; 4th or subsequent conviction and DWS.

On December 7, Alan Angulo Alvarez Manolo, Kansas City, was arrested for no valid driver's license, vehicle liability insurance required and operating a vehicle with no registration.

On December 8, Avery Jo Coyer was charged with speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

On December 8, Krista Delynn Pedraza was charged with 77 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 8, Shaylin Robb was charged with vehicle liability insurance required.

On December 8, Jessica Kate Bruch was charged with 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 8, Aspen Rilya Dubois was charged with 84 mph in a 65 mph zone.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of December 9, 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.

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

Trenton Rudy Parker was booked into jail on October 14, 2025.

Arial Joy Parker was booked into jail on November 6, 2025.

Maras Montgomery McSwane was booked into jail on November 22, 2025.

Lacy Jean Michael was booked into jail on November 24, 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.

City of Garnett announces City Hall and city refuse holiday schedule

The Garnett City Hall and all departments will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, and will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. They will reopen on Friday, December 26, 2025, for regular business hours.

Trash routes will be as follows:

- Monday, December 22: Regular Route
- Tuesday, December 23: Regular Route
- Wednesday, December 24: Regular Route
- Thursday, December 25: NO SERVICE
- Friday, December 26: Thursday and Friday Routes

Please have your trash placed at the curbside by 6 a.m. to ensure prompt pickup.

For the New Year holiday, City Hall and all departments will be closed on

Thursday, January 1, 2026, in observance of the New Year holiday. They will resume regular business hours on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Trash routes will be as follows:

- Monday, December 29: Regular Route

- Tuesday, December 30: Regular Route
- Wednesday, December 31: Regular Route
- Thursday, January 1, 2026: NO SERVICE
- Friday, January 2, 2026: Thursday and Friday Routes

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Sobba attends FCCLA leadership conference in Washington D.C.

Kansas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) proudly

announces that the 2025-2026 Kansas FCCLA State Executive Council attended FCCLA's prestigious Capitol Leadership conference in Washington, D.C. This national leadership training, held annually, equips student leaders with the skills, confidence, and knowledge to advocate for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education, Career and Technical Education, and the mission of FCCLA at the federal level.

Anderson County student Emily Sobba, VP of Individual Programs, was among the students attending.

During the multi-day event, Kansas State Officers participated in leadership workshops focused on public policy, advocacy strategies, youth voice in government, and effective communication. Officers connected with national FCCLA peers, engaged with experts in legislative affairs, and strengthened their understanding of how federal decisions impact students, families, and communities.

A highlight of the conference included visits to

Capitol Hill, where Kansas State Officers met with members of the Kansas con-

gressional delegation and their staff. Students shared personal stories about the impact of FCS education, discussed the importance of continued support for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, and advocated for opportunities that empower youth leadership across the state and nation.

"Kansas FCCLA State Officers exemplify the power of youth leadership," said Shandi Andres, Kansas FCCLA State Adviser. "Capitol Leadership gives our officers a powerful platform to use their voices in meaningful ways while strengthening their skills as future leaders in their schools and communities." FCCLA's Capitol Leadership program aligns with the organization's mission to promote personal growth, leadership development, and career preparation through FCS education. Kansas FCCLA is proud to support student leaders who are committed to representing Kansas, advocating for their peers, and shaping the future of FCS and CTE.



Sobba

Colony Christian Church 11/30 & 12/6 services

During the November 30th service, Petra Billings led worship accompanied by Mike and Isla Billings. The songs were "Holy,Holy,Holy," "Better is One Day" and "You're Worthy of My Praise."

Darren McGhee began the communion meditation "Weary" with one of Tony Evan's 2 minute messages about how our life as we go out into the world is like a submarine going down and the deeper it goes the more pressure it is under until it implodes. Christ in us will keep us from imploding like Peter tells us in 1 Peter 5:7 we can cast all our cares on Him.

"The Light of Hope" was the title of Pastor Chase Riebel's message from John chapters 7 and 8. Jesus gives hope by shining in the darkness. Our God is bigger than anything that might come against us.

Colony held their Christmas Parade and other activities starting at on December 6th.

Their December 7th service was led by Lexy

Langworthy accompanied by Speed Elsasser and Jake Riebel. Ben Prasko was on keyboard and Ethan Prasko was on percussion. The songs were "Ever Be," "Man of Sorrows," "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and "Great Are You Lord."

Brant McGhee inspired us to live healthier physical and spiritual lives in his communion meditation "Choices." Heart disease has become the leading cause of death. By removing everything from our lives that isn't in line with God we will be physically and spiritually healthier.

Guest speaker Bruce Symes delivered the message "Peace with God" from Luke 2:1-7 in a series on the four gifts of Advent, hope, peace, joy and love. Even though man's attempts at peace can fall short ,God's peace is perfect and reliable. Isaiah 9:6 tells us of a Child who is born upon whose shoulders the government will rest and one of His names will be Prince of Peace.

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MILLER

SEPTEMBER 13, 1965 — NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Troy Greyson Miller, age 60, of Olathe, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Troy was born on September 13, 1965 in Topeka, Kansas, just minutes before his identical twin brother, Todd.

Growing up, the twins were inseparable with friends, Pete and Mike. Troy's mom often thought she was raising quadruplets, the boys were so tight. Their mischievous shenanigans were legendary - including the afternoon they shot bottle rockets through the front door, during which Troy's vest may or may not have briefly caught on fire.

The stories only grew as the boys headed off to college, where their grit and camaraderie earned them a reputation of their own. The twins entered the K-State Intramural Fight Night and each fought their way through their respective brackets until, against all odds, they met in the final match. But when the moment came, they refused to fight each other. By then, the Miller Twins were well known around campus, especially while managing Charlie's-one of the most popular student bars in Manhattan-ensuring the

event would have drawn quite the crowd.

Despite his lively social scene, Troy excelled academically, graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He was a proud member and later an active alumnus of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Following graduation, he began his career with Andersen Consulting, later Accenture, where he devoted himself to his work. His career took him across the globe serving clients before eventually retiring as a partner in 2016.

Troy met his lifetime dance partner, Debbie Katzer, at a country bar where she handed him her drink and said "hold my beer" as she headed out to the line dance. He called his mother late that night and said, "I just met the future Mrs. Miller". Indeed he had. They married four years later on December 21, 1996, and were blessed with three children - TJ, Morgan, and Greyson.

Raising their family, Troy loved attending youth sporting events, camping, and Scouting adventures

with his kids. In fact, his love for his family and the outdoors led him and his two sons to hike the Appalachian Trail, a five-month journey of a lifetime voyaging from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine.

In the last few years of his life, Troy partnered in business with his brother Jeff, forming WM Properties. Jeff often reflected that-even well into adulthood-he continued learning from Troy: how to steady one's emotions, how to lead with empathy, and how to make decisions rooted in unwavering ethics. Troy's brother, Trevor, shared a similar sentiment, recalling a cherished yet humbling memory from his youth when Troy wrote him a letter from the stands at a wrestling match. In it, Troy encouraged his younger brother to carry himself with humility and strength-to become the kind of man a young boy could aspire to be.

And that is who Troy was: a man not only full of charisma, but also a man of the highest character.

Troy now reunites in

heaven with his twin brother, Todd Miller, and his father, Robert Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Miller; his three children, TJ, Morgan, and Greyson, all of the home; his mother, Karen Ingenthron; his siblings, Jeff (Amy) Wooster, Trevor (Kim) Gray, Travis Miller, and Krystle Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews whom he adored.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Miller Family Legacy Foundation, where gifts will be directed toward the organizations and causes Troy held most dear - including scholarships for students, support for Catholic education, Scout Troop 181, his beloved K-State, and resources for Appalachian Trail travelers.

A Rosary will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa. Visitation to follow from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. A Funeral Mass will follow the next morning, Friday, December 12, at 10:30 AM, also at Holy Trinity. A lunch and reception will be held afterward at the Father Quigley Parish Center on the church campus.

The manger and the cross are forever linked

Christmas signifies the birth of our Savior, but this event also ushers in a new age. The era of grace. Prior to the birth of Jesus the people were in the era of the law and the prophets. God had been silent for 400 years. The era of grace brought the first word from God since the prophet Malachi closed the Old Testament in 458-445 B.C. by prophesying a return of one like Elijah, which turned out to be John the Baptist. (Malachi 4:5)

The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of what had been predicted long ago. (Micah 5:2 Isaiah 7:14) In John 14:6 Jesus addressing his disciples says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The grace of God was supremely revealed and given in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus was not only the beneficiary of God's grace but he was also its very embodiment bringing it to mankind for salvation. By his death and resurrection Jesus restored the broken fellowship between God and his people. The only way of salvation is "through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 15:11)

The grace of God

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

revealed in Jesus Christ is applied to human beings for their salvation by the Holy Spirit. We are saved by faith alone, through grace alone, in Christ alone. As we attend our Christmas Eve service this year certainly the baby Jesus will be foremost on our minds. However the manger and the cross are forever linked. In the span of time between them Jesus secured for us the grace required to make us acceptable to God. Grace is defined as God's unmerited favor, that is not of ourselves. Grace, however, must be accompanied by faith; a person must trust in the mercy and favor of God, even while it is undeserved. We must place our faith in the grace offered through Jesus Christ.

Ministry on the Holiness of God. Author of the book, "On the Other Side of the Door"

Like David Bilderback

HILL

MARCH 29, 1939 — DECEMBER 5, 2025

Effie "Cecilia" Hill, age 86, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, December 5, 2025.

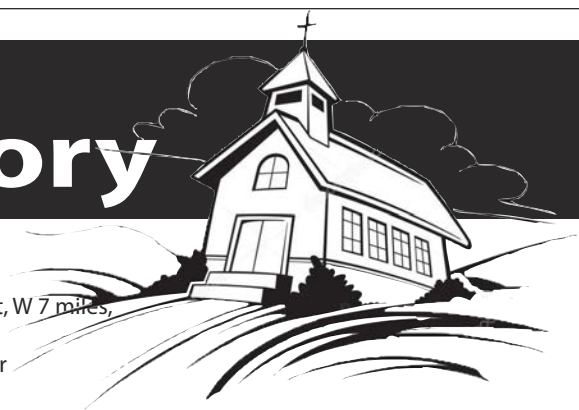
A Rosary was held December 10, 2025, followed by a visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00 A.M., on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Garnett. Burial will follow at St. Teresa's Catholic Cemetery in Westphalia, Kansas.

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To hurt Trump, media obscures “affordability”

Does the mainstream media hate Donald Trump enough to lie about the U.S. economy in order to damage Republicans' chances of holding congressional majorities and pursuing Trump's America First agenda for two more years?

That's an eye-rolling “LOL,” as the kids say.

A legitimate analysis of the nation's current economic state shows the country Americans actually live in looks far more complicated — and far less catastrophic — than the toxified version presented by the mainstream press in order to torpedo Republicans.

Start with the numbers the media rarely repeats. Inflation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), is rising at about 3% per year. That's over the 2% Federal Reserve target, but it's a far cry from the near-double-digit inflation of 2021–2022. Prices are still rising, yes — but they're rising far more slowly, and in several key categories, they're actually falling.

AAA says national average gasoline prices dropped below \$3 a gallon last month for the first time in four years, a fact ignored by cable-news chyrons. Other prices have dropped too: apparel, rice, pasta, fruit, cereal, eggs, and butter all show flat or declining trends across recent months. Even in categories that rose sharply a few years ago — meat, coffee, processed foods — the increases today are modest or mixed.

The media's favorite target, grocery inflation, is nowhere near the crisis it once was. “Food at home” inflation overall sits at about 2.7% — not painless, but not runaway. Prices for non-beef meats like poultry/fish have dropped, and egg prices have plummeted 50 percent from early 2025's avian flu highs. These are numbers that suggest a cooling, stabilizing economy — not the collapse pundits keep warning about.

And don't forget the wage side of the story. Civilian wages are up around 4%, private-industry wages about 3.5%, and

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unemployment sits near 4%, a range economists historically define as full employment. Meanwhile, financial markets show confidence, not fear: the Dow is up around 8% year-to-date, and the NASDAQ nearly 19%.

In other words, Americans are still working, wages are rising, inflation is moderating, and numerous everyday items cost less than they did a year ago. But you wouldn't know any of that from CNN.

None of this means America has no affordability challenges. Housing remains expensive. Insurance costs have climbed. Food and services — especially those tied to labor — still put pressure on families. People have legitimate concerns, particularly lower-income households and retirees who feel price increases more acutely.

But an honest national discussion should include both sides of the ledger. The fact is the media wants to damage President Trump. The coming year will be a constant onslaught of negativity and “anonymous sourcing” of stories designed to shake voters' faith in the America First agenda — just like the gamut of Trump coverage of the past.

The fact is the U.S. economy is a mixed, stabilizing landscape marked by falling energy prices, cooling inflation, steady wages, and a resilient job market. That's not the disaster we're being sold. And it's time the mainstream media admitted it.

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In my opinion the Democrats, the way they handle things and do them, only a jackass would do. It follows true because their mascot is even a jackass.

To be honest, I don't dislike President Trump, but I do think we need a different president in there, and I don't think the Democrats are terrible either. I think we all need to grow up and either just love what president we have and think of it

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Letters to the editor

What's the reason for closing Greeley Elementary?

It's been recently made public that the USD 365 school board is proposing to close Greeley Grade at the end of this school year. I wonder what exactly is the motivation for this decision.

Is it an attempt again to save money, like the decision to discontinue bussing for the St. Rose Catholic students, unless they pay to be bussed? As I understand it, what money the school district might have saved went to give the district bus drivers a raise. What about the paras? They have an equally if not a more difficult job, maintaining a safe and orderly environment while on the routes. They have to deal with any unruly students

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Holidays are here, but so far affordability isn't

If it feels like Christmas keeps getting more expensive, that's because it is, and Kansans are feeling it more sharply than policymakers care to admit. The rising cost of living is no longer a blip on a chart; it's a full-blown pocketbook problem showing up in everything from family grocery runs to holiday gift lists. Add in climbing household debt tracked by the Federal Reserve, and families know the truth: their paychecks don't go nearly as far as they used to.

Credit card balances recently hit an all-time high, and people aren't swiping for luxuries; they're financing day-to-day life and now the holidays on top of it. This isn't overspending. It's the reality of an affordability crisis where wages simply can't catch up.

Inflation plays a major role, even if Washington wants to declare “mission accomplished.” Prices don't fall just because the inflation rate slows. They ratchet up and stick. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, food, vehicles, utilities, insurance, and nearly every household necessity remain significantly higher than before the pandemic. And interest rates aren't cutting Kansans any slack. With the Federal Reserve holding its interest rate target at multi-decade highs, financing a home, a car, or even a modest holiday season costs far more than it did just a few years ago.

The broader economy isn't helping either. Growth has softened, and real

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wages still lag inflation. Employers are cautious. Paychecks aren't stretching to meet the new price reality, no matter how carefully families plan.

Tariffs aren't the biggest driver of the affordability crunch, but they're not helping. The question of whether tariffs might “steal Christmas” is worth asking because tariffs operate like quiet taxes built into everyday goods. Research finds that U.S. consumers, not foreign exporters, end up paying most of the cost. When Washington adds trade friction, electronics, toys, clothing, and tools all get pricier at the exact moment families are shopping the most.

Even with these pressures, Kansans are still trying to make the holidays work. Retail spending data show surprising resilience, but only because families are dipping into savings or putting more on credit cards. National emergen-

cy-savings surveys make clear that many households have little financial cushion left. What looks like strong shopping often masks stretched budgets beneath the surface.

This isn't the kind of prosperity Kansas families deserve. Affordability improves when markets stay competitive and open, when taxes remain low, so families keep more of what they earn, and when regulations stay limited so businesses can lower prices instead of raising them. It improves when leaders resist the urge to micromanage trade or fuel inflation with heavy-handed federal spending. Every time the government interferes in the economy, costs rise somewhere — and families feel those costs first and hardest.

The best economic gift Kansas could receive this Christmas is a policy reset — one that trusts people and markets more than politicians and bureaucrats. When prices reflect real competition instead of political engineering, and when Kansans keep more of their own money, life becomes more affordable. That's when the holidays start to feel joyful again, not stressful.

A freer economy is the surest path to prosperity. Kansas families deserve it.

— Vance Ginn, Ph.D., is a Senior Fellow at Kansas Policy Institute, President of Ginn Economic Consulting, and Host of the Let People Prosper Show.

It's time for Trump to admit the tariffs aren't working

Ronald Reagan famously said that the most frightening words in the English language are: “I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.” U.S. manufacturers must know exactly what the Gipper meant.

Donald Trump is a wholeheartedly pro-manufacturing president, and he's definitely here to help — with a dizzying array of tariffs. So far, the evidence is that, on net, his tariff agenda is not helping, and almost certainly hurting, the manufacturing sector he's out to rejuvenate. The September jobs report was pretty good overall, but manufacturing continues to be a sore point. The U.S. has shed nearly 100,000 manufacturing jobs over the last 12 months, and blue-collar jobs are declining.

The theory of the tariffs is that American manufacturing has been decimated by imports and if the imports are made more expensive by tariffs, people will buy more American-made products and companies will bring manufacturing operations back to the United States.

The problem is that this story is overly simplistic. There's been a long-term decline in the share of manufacturing employment in the U.S., from roughly 27% in the 1960s to a little above 8% now. As the researchers Gary Clyde Hufbauer and Ye Zhang point out, this is driven, to a large extent, by the fact that as people get richer, they tend to spend more of

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their income on services, whether health or entertainment. This means that the manufacturing share of the economy inevitably shrinks. The same trend is evident in other advanced economies.

This suggests that seeking a return to a bygone era of manufacturing via tariffs is the economic equivalent of King Canute and the waves (which wouldn't recede despite his command). Worse, sweeping tariffs make imported materials that are used to manufacture goods in the U.S. — so-called inputs — more expensive. As a result, manufacturing becomes less cost-effective. Right now, for instance, the price of heavily tariffed steel has been on the rise. That's good for steel companies — a small slice of the economy — but bad for all the other firms that use the steel to make stuff.

Then, there's the downside that U.S. tariffs cause foreign retaliation, harming U.S. manufacturers that export their products. Finally, when uncertainty is layered on top of this — about when and if tariffs will come into effect and for how long — it's a truly toxic brew.

There's a reason that the National Association of Manufacturers — a group that one would expect to support any policy designed to assist manufacturing — doesn't like the tariffs. It has warned “against broad tariffs that could disrupt supply chains, increase costs and undermine the global competitiveness of our member companies.”

All signs point to its prescience. An Institute for Supply Management survey found that in October, the manufacturing sector contracted for the eighth consecutive month. The respondents to the survey, who are executives of manufacturing firms, frequently mention the tariffs as a cause of distress.

“Tariffs continue to be a large impact to our business,” one respondent in the machinery category explained. “The products we import are not readily manufactured in the U.S., so attempts to reshore have been unsuccessful. Overall, prices on all products have gone up, some significantly. We are trying to keep up with the wild fluctuations and pass

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Branson trip - Day 3

The third day of our Branson trip was Wednesday, November the 19th.

After breakfast at our motel, we walked a short distance to the Hammer Variety Theater where we were entertained by The Beach Boys California Dreamin. This show brought back a lot of memories of our younger days.

At 12:15 we went to the Uptown Cafe for lunch. We had to pick and choose from a four choice menu. Serving all of us was quite a task. Both of our buses, the White and Blue, ate together (98 of us). After lunch we headed for the Mansion Theater for the Daniel O'Donnell Show. What a wonderful show it was. Daniel will not be back in Branson again until the fall of 2027. He is taking a year off from performing. Daniel's show always rates high on Kay and my shows to attend. Such a smooth Irish singer.

The afternoon had quickly passed by and it was time to eat again. For

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dinner (Supper) we went to McFarlain's Restaurant. Once again we had a wonderful meal. Next was the highlight of the trip. We went to the Sight & Sound Theater for the live performance of the story 'David'. David was a young shepherd boy that become a man after God's own heart. This show took you from still waters to shadowed valleys. David's throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals and Philistine soldiers. A magnificent show. Our day was over and tomorrow we head for home.

Respectfully Submitted by:
8Dec2025 - Henry Roekers

50 years ago... Senior Citizens Center is formed, operates out of VFW building

THAT WAS THEN



PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST

Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

1885 - 140 years ago

December 12 - D. Gilson, confined in jail for violating the whisky law, receives frequent visits from his wife at Greeley, who appears to be much devoted to him. It is to be hoped that his confinement may prove a useful lesson to him in the future.

December 16 - In view of the fact that several runaway scrapes have occurred in the city of late, it would be well for the owners of teams to be more careful how they leave them standing without being hitched. It is not necessary to endanger the lives of people by leaving teams in a condition to run on the slightest alarm. We hope the city officers will look closely after all teams left standing without being properly hitched.

1895 - 130 years ago

December 13 - On the evening following Thanksgiving there was a social dance with oysters at Ed. J. Pinney's, there was also a dance at Geo. Dixon's, while at B. F. Conley's the young people had a taffy pulling.

1905 - 120 years ago

December 13 - This paper

has always demanded that the city furnish water free of charge to farmers who desire to water their teams when they come to town. Yesterday a man who has just invested \$1,800 in Anderson County land came to town and was informed he could not get water for his horses unless he paid for it. The watering troughs about the square should be kept filled with water for the use of the farmers. The city has an abundance of water, the citizens own it, they support it with their taxes and it should be furnished free to those who come here to trade.

December 15 - The Customs Inspector will meet all Emigrants Saturday evening at the Woodman Hall.

1915 - 110 years ago

December 16 - Harry Barnard, manager for the Garnett Church Furniture Company, informs The Review that every machine in the factory is manned, and the orders now on hand are testing the capacity of the factory. From present indications, it will be necessary to add to the equipment.

1935 - 90 years ago

December 12 - Another step toward substitution of work for the dole was taken this week when about thirty women, jobless since September 5, returned to work on WPA sewing projects in Garnett and Welda. With the county WPA quota of 150 practically filled, only about fifty persons are left to receive



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Circa December 2015 - The AC 7th grade "A" team finished a 12-2 season to take 1st place finish in the Pioneer League. Front row, from left: Ellie Pedrow, Cali Foltz, Rayne Jasper, Aubree Holloran, Kameron Simpson. Back row: Coach Brittany Leathers, Marah Lutz, Hailey Gillespie, Abbey Lickteig, Kaylyn Disbrow, MaKenzie Kueser.

direct aid.

1965 - 60 years ago

December 13 - Bumper stickers containing the slogan "We Back Our Boys In Vietnam," are being distributed in the Garnett area through the efforts of the Garnett Jaycees, who have purchased these stickers and are giving them free of charge to anyone who wishes one. The American Legion and the VFW posts are assisting in the distribution.

1975 - 50 years ago

December 11 - A Senior Citizens Center has been organized in Garnett at the VFW building and the first event will be an open house and card party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16. All senior citizens are invited to attend the first planned event and to come prepared to discuss ideas for what activities they

would like to have available and what days they would like the center to be open. The local VFW Post has offered the use of their building free to the senior citizens and the building will be used until such time as a new center can be built, as proposed.

2015 - 10 years ago

December 15 - A project that will help people make improvements to the exterior of their homes is returning this summer. The Garnett Area Paint Project is scheduled to return July 17-23. The project brings about 400 youth and adults to Garnett to paint houses, repair porches and build wheelchair ramps. A similar project was held in the summer of 2014, and was a huge success, organizer Chris Goetz, with the Garnett Ministerial Alliance, said.

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as they're going to make mistakes. But I do think Trump needs to have this be his last term.

Thank you, county commissioners, for standing up to the big bully who wants more and more money to do nothing. I'm glad that you three can do that job and do it well.

Honestly, I'd like to find a church in town that shows reverence in church, not yelling and screaming music, not telling jokes, just reverence. That's what I need.

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Local Christian school uses hands-on learning to teach Proverbs 16:3 in memorable way

GARNETT - At a time when many families are seeking meaningful, faith-based educational experiences for their children, The Yutzy School continues to offer hands-on Bible lessons that connect scripture to real-life understanding. This week, Lower School students participated in a Bible activity based on Proverbs 16:3 — “Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established” — that helped them understand the scripture through a creative, eye-opening object lesson.

To introduce the concept of committing our plans to the Lord, Lower School teacher Mrs. Maria Casto gave students a simple challenge: draw a tree using only a flimsy sheet of notebook paper, a single crayon, and their non-dominant hand—all while

keeping their other hand behind their back. Students laughed as they tried to steady the flimsy notebook paper, only to watch their trees wobble and shake across the page. They soon discovered that their drawings were shaky, unclear, and not at all what they envisioned.

Then they tried again. This time, Mrs. Casto provided sturdy construction paper, a full set of colors, and the ability to use their dominant hand while holding the paper steady. Their second drawings were dramatically different—stronger, clearer, and far more colorful.

Students compared the two drawings and discussed the difference between trying to do everything alone versus committing their plans to the Lord.

“Just like the flimsy

paper, our own limited tools can make life feel unsteady,” said Mrs. Casto. “But when we invite God into the process, our plans become stronger, clearer, and closer to what we hoped for.”

The Yutzy School focuses on small class sizes, personalized attention, and faith-based instruction rooted in practical, memorable experiences. According to Head of School Dr. Ric Mitchell, object lessons like this are part of the school’s mission to help students develop spiritually, academically, and personally.

“Hands-on learning sticks with students,” said Dr. Mitchell. “When they can see and feel the lesson, it becomes part of them. This is the kind of learning that shapes character and builds faith.”

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lence, and a nurturing environment where, as Dr. Mitchell explained, “every student feels seen, heard, and loved each day.”

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Elected officials welcome Deep Fission to Parsons

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Deep Fission’s press release includes enthusiastic quotes from a host of local, state and congressional voices.

“Kansas has long been a leader in energy production, and we’re continuing to diversify our portfolio with innovative technologies such as advanced nuclear,” Kansas Lt. Gov. and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said.

Toland said the Kansas Department of Commerce “will support (Deep Fission’s) efforts to integrate a thoughtful and transparent community engagement process that gives local residents clear avenues to ask questions and be part of the conversation.”

Republican Sens. Roger Marshall and Jerry Moran hailed the project.

“As our nation’s demand for reliable, around-the-clock energy continues to grow, advanced nuclear technology will play a critical role,” Marshall said. “It’s exciting to see cutting-edge innovation and high-quality energy investment come to Kansas.”

Robert Wood, chairman of the Great Plains Development Authority that owns the industrial park, said Deep Fission’s project is “showcasing Kansas’s potential to the world.”

“The Board and I look forward to building a long-term relationship with Deep Fission and the positive impacts this collaboration will bring,” Wood said. County commissioners also touted economic development.

“We are committed to backing projects that provide jobs, energy, and economic growth for the citizens of Labette County,” the County Commission said.

industry technology

Muller entered the nuclear industry with her father, University of California Berkeley professor emeritus of physics Rich Muller. They wanted to solve two of the nuclear industry’s problems: nuclear waste and the high cost of nuclear power.

So the duo created two companies: Deep Isolation and Deep Fission.

The first company proposes solving nuclear waste disposal by drilling boreholes 1 mile deep and putting the waste at the bottom. The second company plans to make nuclear power much cheaper by drilling equally deep boreholes and putting reactors into them.

Deep Isolation is currently conducting tests. Deep Fission has signed letters of intent for sites in Kansas, Texas and Utah.

In August, Deep Fission’s reactor design became one of 11 projects picked for President Donald Trump’s nuclear pilot program, which offers to expedite testing of new designs and ultimately fast-track them to commercial licensing.

The federal program’s target is to get at least three nuclear reactors operating at a state of steady fission before next Fourth of July.

Deep Fission’s design will use a pressurized water reactor — the world’s most common kind of nuclear technology — small enough to fit into the borehole and powerful enough to generate about as much power as 10,000 homes consume, Muller said.

Deep Fission will then fill the borehole with water. The reactor at the bottom will transfer heat to water that will rise to the surface, become steam and turn turbines.

The steam will then cool down and return to the borehole, so that the same water is constantly reused.

The idea borrows technology and concepts from the geothermal and oil and gas industries, Muller said. Borehole drilling is standard practice for oil and gas. And geothermal power uses hot water that rises up a borehole, turns a turbine and is then reused.

A Deep Fission reactor will churn out power for two to seven years, depending on its design, Muller said. Afterward, the company could seal the reactor and leave it there. Or, if the U.S. develops a site for nuclear waste disposal, it could remove the reactor and send the waste there.

Deep Fission also said that once a reactor is spent, it could seal that one off and stack new ones on top of it, as long as the borehole was originally drilled deeper than 1 mile so that the uppermost reactor remains at least 1 mile deep.

This would make maximum use of a single borehole.

“We can keep doing that: seal it off, add another one on top,” she said. “And so if (one reactor) lasts seven years and you do seven of those cycles, that’s 49 years.”

Does the public get a say about Deep Fission’s plans?

Deep Fission said it considers community input critical.

“We have already had a significant amount of engagement with the community,” Muller said. “We’ve done conversations with the government — local government, state government. We’ve had a number of stakeholder groups.”

Muller didn’t elaborate further on the stakeholders who have provided input and she didn’t indicate when the company plans to hold any public meetings that would allow the broader community to weigh in.

But she signaled that her company’s vision includes such meetings.

Asked whether the public’s input would have any influence, since Deep Fission has already selected a site and set a demonstration deadline of July 4, 2026, Muller said the company will want ongoing engagement on steps such as commercialization.

“There’s going to be lots of opportunities to participate, to be heard, to ask questions,” she said. “Starting immediately, but continuing on for years to come.”

State and federal oversight of nuclear energy

The extent to which Kansas energy regulators would oversee Deep Fission’s activities remains partly unclear. The KCC is in the early stages of communication with the company.

“The KCC is generally aware of Deep Fission and its intent to pursue a demonstration project” in Kansas, KCC staff said in an email last month. “Our agency has only had introductory meetings with the company.”

The KCC could conceivably regulate an underground nuclear reactor for a few reasons.

First, the commission regulates drilling and operations related to certain wells.

Second, the commission oversees public utilities, with a mission of keeping utilities reliable and reasonably priced.

If a public utility wants to build a new power plant, it has to file a proposal with the KCC. This can trigger public hearings on how the plant would impact other customers and what they pay for electricity.

Also, an electric utility that wants to build a nuclear plant needs a siting permit from the KCC. Getting that permit requires going through a public hearing.

Of these two spheres of regulation — oversight of wells and of public utilities — KCC jurisdiction is clearer in the first than the second.

The KCC said Deep Fission will have to first drill a pilot hole — which will help determine if the site is suitable. For the pilot hole, the company will need to seek a drilling license and permit from the KCC and provide financial assurance related to the pilot hole.

“Beyond that initial pilot hole, the KCC would not have jurisdiction over a nuclear reactor well,” the KCC said.

In the case of public utility regulation, the KCC said it needs more information to know its full jurisdiction.

“For example, Kansas law only requires ‘electric utilities’ to obtain a siting permit from the KCC for nuclear generation facilities,” the agency said, and it remains to be seen if Deep Fission fits that definition.

If Deep Fission does fall under that rule, it would have to file details to the KCC about its nuclear plans, including about the construction, operation and maintenance.

As for commercializing the project, Deep Fission’s long-term goal after demonstrating its technology, KCC said that state law doesn’t allow Deep Fission to sell electricity at retail without partnering with a regulated utility, which would trigger KCC oversight.

The rule wouldn’t apply if Deep Fission sells wholesale, the KCC said.

Apart from potential

state regulation, Deep Fission’s project will fall under oversight from federal authorities such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Trump administration is working to overhaul federal nuclear oversight, which it argues is overly burdensome and risk avoidant.

“Instead of efficiently promoting safe, abundant nuclear energy,” one of Trump’s executive orders said, “the NRC has instead tried to insulate Americans from the most remote risks without appropriate regard for the severe domestic and geopolitical costs of such risk aversion.”

Earlier this year, the administration unveiled executive orders and plans to press for approval of projects, rewrite regulations and use the controversial Department of Government Efficiency to shrink the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and focus on “expeditious processing of license applications and the adoption of innovative technology.”

Are there risks to groundwater or other environmental concerns?

The Kansas News Service asked whether state agencies would play any role in checking if Deep Fission’s chosen drilling site would pose any problem for water supplies or face any risk from earthquakes.

The KCC said it’s possible that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will have a regulatory role and that collaboration with the Kansas Geological Survey (which houses expertise on groundwater, earthquakes and oil and gas wells) is also likely.

The Kansas News Service asked KDHE questions last month, including whether it would play any part in checking whether Deep Fission’s plans are safe for groundwater or other environmental implications. The agency didn’t respond and neither did the governor’s Office.

Deep Fission said its project poses no threat to groundwater.

“We know how to protect the water table,” Muller said, adding that the reac-

tor would be about 1 mile below groundwater.

“It’s a full mile of rock. Billions of tons of rock,” she said.

As for keeping the water in the borehole secure, Muller said the company would use secure casing methods already used in the oil and gas industry.

Deep Fission’s partnership with waterless data centers

Separately from its plans in Parsons, Deep Fission is making inroads with the kind of data center companies that its federal financial filings indicate are its initial target market.

The company has a partnership with Endeavour, the parent company of Edged waterless data centers that have opened in Kansas City, Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago, Columbus, Des Moines and Phoenix — as well as Spain and Portugal.

The Edged data centers are designed to cool servers without water. Heavy water use for cooling is considered a top environmental concern related to the fast global increase in data centers.

In a federal filing, Deep Fission said its partnership with Endeavour should help it get a head start in the data center power segment.

“Even under conservative assumptions — such as 6% annual growth in data center demand, resulting in a doubling of consumption by 2035 — capturing just a percentage of incremental demand would represent a significant growth driver,” the company wrote.

Tech companies are building data centers at a furious pace in part because of the rapid rise of artificial intelligence.

In October, Deep Fission announced that it has so far inked letters of intent with “data centers, co-developers, industrial parks and strategic partners” that would entail generating 12.5 gigawatts of power.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals B

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WPZAWTL GZ TOMLESV CJOC
NZAWAZR ORIAQMPQV RSZWOIAR:
PC'R OQ SNJPTT EACTA.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Touse
- 5 Resistance unit
- 8 Prego rival
- 12 Bickering
- 13 Zodiac animal
- 14 Pub orders
- 15 Tabula —
- 16 Sheer fabrics
- 18 Santiago resident
- 20 Playful sea critter
- 21 Mormon church, for short
- 22 Top card
- 23 Army bigwigs
- 26 Scolding
- 30 "Humbug!"
- 31 Cooking fuel
- 32 French pronoun
- 33 Upbeat
- 36 Rose protector
- 38 Weeding tool
- 39 Spanish gold
- 40 Parlor pieces
- 43 Bar exercises
- 47 Trailblazing congresswoman Shirley —
- 49 Power co. supply
- 50 Suffix for million
- 51 "Levitating" singer Lipa



- 52 Poet Teasdale
- 53 Rolling stone's lack
- 54 Lair
- 55 Threaded fastener
- DOWN
- 1 Artist Chagall
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Spanish ayes
- 4 Stable enclosures
- 5 Killer whales
- 6 Virtuoso violinist Hilary
- 7 2001, to Cato
- 8 Traveled the rapids
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Hereditary unit
- 11 Cold War initials
- 17 Central points
- 19 Asner and Harris
- 22 Sounds of relief
- 23 Telly network
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 Sashimi fish
- 26 Automobile
- 27 "As I see it," in a text
- 28 Fish-fowl insert
- 29 Tom Collins liquor
- 31 "My word!"
- 34 Stages
- 35 Ritzy
- 36 Part of TNT
- 37 Truthful
- 39 "Holy cow!"
- 40 Con job
- 41 Columbus' home
- 42 Evergreens
- 43 Crossword hint
- 44 — Bator
- 45 Lima's land
- 46 "Shoo!"
- 48 Quirky

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?
- MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?
- MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend..."?
- ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?
- FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?
- SCIENCE: Which wire is usually the main "hot" one in electrical work?

PAYDAY
Today's Word
3. Awake; 4. Imply
1. Debt; 2. Pleat
solution

SCRAMBLERS

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Solution

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

It's an uphill beetle.
prefers ascending surfaces:
fretful or ladybug that
Declaration about a
answer

CryptoQuip

- In two-wire circuits
- Duke
 - The Ming dynasty
 - "Holes"
 - "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel
 - Kneecap
 - Santiago
 - A Benedictine monk named Dom
 - The cherry blossom and the chry
 - Pertgno
 - santihennium
 - Gabriel Garcia Marquez
 - Black, although red also can be hot



Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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!

- God
- TIDEY
- Fold
- PLATE
- Rouse
- WEAKO
- Hint
- LIMPY

TODAY'S WORD

Lancer boys drop season opener on the road

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

CHEROKEE - On December 5, the Crest Lancers battled SE Cherokee in a matchup that ended in a 61-52 loss, a result shaped largely by an early deficit that Crest couldn't quite erase.

SE Cherokee opened the game strong with a 20-12 first quarter and took a 33-24 lead into halftime. Crest matched their opponent throughout the second half as they scored 14 points

in both the third and fourth quarters. SE Cherokee tallied 19 points in the third and 9 in the fourth period. Crest was paced by Kole Walter, who scored 20 points behind 7-for-9 showing from inside the arc, but struggled from the three-point line connecting on just 1 of 7 attempts. He also pulled down 11 rebounds while collecting 4 steals. Levi Prasko finished with 18 points on 5-for-8 shooting from two-point

range and an 8-for-14 night at the free-throw line. Prasko was also a force on the boards, grabbing 9 rebounds, with 7 of them offensive. Lane Yocham finished the night with 11 points, along with 6 rebounds, 2 assists, and a steal. Yocham knocked down 3 three-pointers on the night but also struggled as he hoisted 18 shots from behind the arc. Henry White collected a team-high 5 steals. Koji

Miller chipped in 3 points and 2 rebounds. As a team, Crest shot 4-for-30 (13%) from behind the arc, 13-for-25 (52%) on two-pointers, and 12-for-24 (50%) at the free-throw line. The Lancers head coach, Dakotah Sporing, acknowledged it was a rough shooting night for his squad but expects them to get back on track quickly as he knows his team is capable of knocking down shots at a much higher rate.

LOWRY...

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along what costs we can to our customers." A survey of Texas businesses by the Dallas Federal Reserve found the same thing. About half of businesses reported negative effects from the tariffs, and only 2% positive. "The effect is most widespread in manufacturing," the bank noted, "where more than 70% of firms noted negative impacts." The Trump administra-

tion has backed off tariffs on coffee and various food items, an implicit concession that they were a mistake and led to higher prices. It's probably too much to ask that the administration acknowledge the deleterious effect on many manufacturers. These companies will have to endure the economic drag created by a government that wants to help. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Lady Vikings down McLouth to open season

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - The Central Heights Vikings girls turned in a commanding performance Friday night, defeating the McLouth Bulldogs 52-26. The Lady Vikings set the tone early, jumping out to a 12-4 lead after the

first quarter and building a 28-10 advantage by halftime. The Vikings outscored McLouth in the second half 24-16 to close out the win. Macy Cubit led the way with an efficient and well-rounded outing, scoring 20 points on 9 for 17 shooting while adding 7

rebounds, 3 assists, a steal, and a block. Makenzie Moon contributed 8 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Kenna Kimball chipped in with 4 points. Lily Burkdoll gave the Vikings energy on both ends with 8 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals. Ashley Harkins

mustered just 2 points but filled the stat sheet with 6 rebounds, 6 assists, a steal and 2 blocks. Carly Matile delivered a solid performance scoring 8 points, collecting a team-high 9 rebounds, including 5 on the offensive glass and also added 2 steals and 2 blocks.

Vikings have a solid week to kick-off their season

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Central Heights Vikings wrestling program turned in a strong three-day stretch of competition, as both the boys and girls squads took on some of the toughest tournaments of the early season. The Vikings faced larger schools, state-ranked wrestlers, and deep brackets yet still produced solid performances. At Spring Hill on Thursday, Josiah Meyer led the boys with a 3-1 record and a third-place finish at

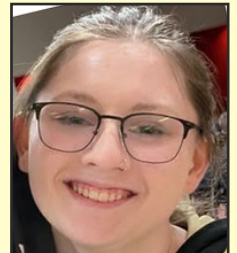
132 pounds, while Attikus Rodriguez battled his way to a 2-2 showing and fourth place at 190. Chase Mercer picked up a win at 215, and heavyweight Willis Miller added another at 285. Jayden Kennamar (126) and Caleb Detwiler (138) both finished 0-2 on the day. On Friday, the Central Heights girls made their mark at the KANOKAL tournament at Caney Valley. The Vikings rose to the challenge, highlighted by a dominant performance from Julie Platt at

155 pounds. Platt went 4-0 on the day, with every victory coming by fall within the first minute, earning a commanding first-place finish. Landry Sparks also reached the finals at 105 pounds, going 2-1 to claim second place. Ebony Hughes battled her way to a 1-2 record and third place at 110 pounds, while Charly Roehl finished 1-2 at 120 in a competitive bracket. In JV action, Allysa Reed went undefeated at 145 with a 3-0 record, and Autumn Fraser picked up key mat

time at 190. The boys traveled to McLouth on Saturday for the KANOKAL tournament and delivered a strong showing as well. Royce Ulrich led the group with an impressive 5-1 record and a third-place finish at 144 pounds. In JV competition, Meyer continued his solid week by going 2-0 at 132, while Detwiler went 1-1 at 138. Mercer added another win with a 1-1 outing at 215, Kennamar finished 0-2 at 126, and Rodriguez went 0-2 at 190.



Top Dog of the Week!
Julie Platt
The CHHS Viking wrestler was dominant in the opening tournament of the season. Julie finished first and downed all of her competition in less than a minute into each match.



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Bulldogs Lady grapplers kick off season at SFT

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

CARBONDALE - The AC Bulldogs Lady grapplers turned in a strong day on the mat on December 3rd, as they battled some tough competition. At 115 pounds, Emma Baumann faced two challenging matchups, losing both of them via fall. At 120 pounds, Ashlyn Nelson finished 3rd. Nelson dropped her first contest before rallying to down Cheyenne Moss of Prairie View and then Jordan Neal of Santa Fe Trail in the 3rd place match. Hailey Gregory (135) finished in 4th place. Gregory lost by fall (2:34) in the first round and after a second round bye defeated Nevaeh Downs of Santa Fe Trail by fall (0:28). Gregory would drop her 3rd place match to Jolie Workman of Washburn by fall (1:09) to end the day. Avery Coyer (140) finished on top of the podium, going a perfect 3-0. Coyer won by fall (0:58) over Tiffany Schneider of Washburn Rural, by fall (1:21) against Jodee Thayer of Washburn Rural and also by fall (0:50) against Nora Bond of Santa Fe Trail. At 145 pounds, Serenity Boothe earned a 2nd place finish. Boothe earned her first victory with a fall (1:01) over Jordyn Edminston of Wellsville. Next was a win by fall over Adrea Gallo-Ramos of Holton by fall (0:24) before dropping the championship

match to Tatum Gardner of Wellsville by fall (4:23). At 155 pounds, Obree Barnes earned a first round win over Amanda Donley of Santa Fe Trail by fall (1:24). In the second round, Barnes was downed by fall (1:04) before dropping the third place match by fall (2:55) as well. At 170 pounds, Noel Stinnet dropped both of her matches. In the opening round she was defeated by fall (0:59) and after a second round bye she lost by fall (2:49) in a hard fought match against Kinleigh Stiles of Prairie View.

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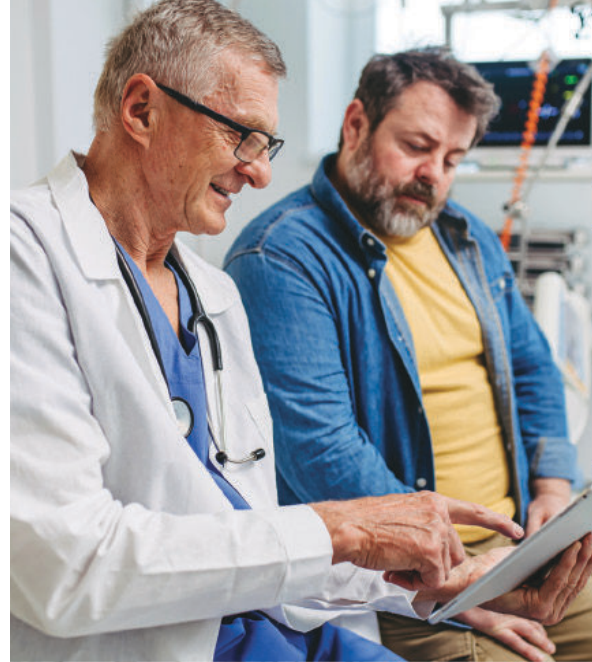
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CALENDAR

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025
 1:00 p.m. - Army vs Navy Watch Party @ VFW Post 6397
 6:00 p.m. - Kincaid Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 14, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Santa Clause @ The 1913 Hall (Old St. John's Hall)

Monday, December 15, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:00 p.m. - ACDA Advisory Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - BPW Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 2:30 p.m. - Kids Craft Club @ Garnett Public Library
 4:00 p.m. - Walker Art Committee Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

Thursday, December 18, 2025
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 19, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Sunday, December 21, 2025
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

Monday, December 22, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Santa's Toy Shop 2025



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And just like the Grinch learned, "Maybe Christmas... doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." This community proves that every single year. Our numbers have grown so much over the years, and we are beyond grateful to be able to welcome and support every family who needs us. On December 1st, 197 children came to visit Santa. They played games, made crafts, sipped hot cocoa, and enjoyed cookies all evening long. Frosty would be proud because "There must have been some magic," and there truly was. While the smiles and fun filled the front of Santa's Toy Shop, the real magic was happening behind the scenes. This season, 144 children received Christmas through the generosity of our incredible local businesses, sponsors, and community members, representing 51 families whose holiday will be brighter because of all of you. Thank you, Anderson County. Your hearts grew three sizes this year. In total Santa's Toy Shop has provided 309 Christmas mornings over the span of 5 years.

Thompson's 95th Birthday



Thompson

Birthday Reception

Help us celebrate Darlene Thompson's 95th birthday at a reception on Saturday, December 20th at the Community Building at Garnett North Lake from 2-4 p.m. The event is hosted by her children and refreshments will be served. No gifts please.

Ed Cox retired from Capitol Agency

On December 1, Ed Cox of Topeka retired from Capitol Agency after more than 20 years of dedicated service.

Ed is the son of Jim and Charlotte



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Cox of Garnett. He was a graduate of Garnett High School in 1982 and graduated from Kansas University in 1987.

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Leo and Elizabeth Katzer and their family got together over Thanksgiving and spent a few days at the Kirk House. Pictured front row, from left: Sonia Kettler (Colorado) Janie Platt, (Kansas), Emma Platt (Kansas), Linda Umbarger (Kansas), Kelly Katzer (Kentucky) and Joanne Platt (Kansas). Second row, from left: Melissa Gatlin (Colorado), Luke Gatlin (Colorado), Carly Gatlin (Colorado), Ethan Goodman (Colorado), Jim Katzer (Kansas), Chris Katzer (Kentucky), Kate Kettler (Colorado) and Bill Katzer (Colorado). Third row, from left: Zoe Goodman (Colorado), Caroline Platt (Missouri), Henry Katzer (Kentucky), Ronda Katzer (Iowa), Sonia Katzer (Colorado). Fourth row, from left: Rachel Goodman (Colorado), Grace Platt (Illinois), Jerry Katzer, Iowa), Caleb Kettler (Colorado), La Nell Hager (Missouri). Fifth row, from left: Sean Platt (Missouri), Will Platt (Missouri), Charlie Platt (Missouri), Levi Kettler (Colorado), Ron Hager (Colorado). Back row, from left: Jake Platt (Texas), Tim Platt (Colorado), Olivia Platt (Missouri), Mari Platt (Missouri), Raymi Goodman (Colorado), Hayes Gatlin (Colorado) and Jeff Gatlin (Colorado).

Katzer family enjoys family reunion

The family of Leo and Elizabeth Katzer spent 3 days Thanksgiving week at The Kirk House in Garnett. Again, this year spending time bowling, playing Pitch, doing puzzles, enjoy-

ing a great Thanksgiving dinner and a white elephant exchange. The family traded stories from memories of brothers and sisters from growing up to who won the bowling tournament

or who knocked down the most rag dolls at the pumpkin roll. Families came from Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, & Texas. Lots of high schools, colleges rep-

resented in the work force! And lots of retired children of Leo & Elizabeth Katzer who raised their family 5 miles East of Garnett on a cattle farm.

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Notice of hearing to close Greeley Elementary School

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, December 11, 2025.)

in the form of operational costs, utilities, maintenance and facility repairs

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1431, of a public hearing to be held on the 8th day of January, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. board offices at Ray Meyer Gym regarding the Unified School District No. 365, Anderson County, Kansas proposal to close Greeley Elementary School for the following reasons:

*Consolidate resources to improve efficiency in program delivery for USD 365 students

Students attending Greeley Elementary School will be reassigned to Garnett Elementary School.

A representative of the board of education will present the proposal to close Greeley Elementary School and the board will hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing.

Notice of filing application to inject saltwater for oil recovery

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, December 11, 2025.)

NW, 10W SE NW, 11W SE NW, 13W SW NW, 16W SW NW of Sec 13 Twp 21S R 19E all with the maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day and maximum injection pressure of 900 psi.

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Notice of Filing Application

Re: RJ Energy LLC. - Application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater for the enhanced recovery of oil on the following leases in Anderson County, Kansas.

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Senior Center pitch results for December 4

In spite of the cold weather we managed to have thirteen players for cards on the 4th of December. It is truly admirable the dedication our players exhibit week after week to make it to cards. We have several players who are over 80 years old and some into their nineties. They make it a priority to show up.

for the most games won with eight. However, due to the luck of the draw, Don won the top spot.

We will be having our white elephant gift exchange on the 18th so please remember to bring something in order to participate.

Results from the 4th are as follows: Paula Walter won the least number of games; Pat Uhlenhake won the 50/50; Jan Wards had the most perfect hands of 13 with three and Glenda Stanley and Don Smith tied

Come join us on Thursday evening promptly at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Also bring a snack for the group to share. Always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting

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GREELEY...

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that may act up during the transport, from their homes to school, and back. Some of these paras have to deal with challenging special needs children, and the challenges with these particular students are very fluid, and changes daily.

I'm wondering if the decision was really just a political one, since the Principal of Greeley Grade is also the Principal of Westphalia grade, and happens to live closer to Westphalia, if that didn't influence the decision to close Greeley Grade? I also wonder if since the Assistant USO 365 Superintendent, and the Principal of Greeley and Westphalia are related, if that didn't influence the decision? What about the Greeley Grade students, and the Pre-School unit/ Special Needs Students?

Where are they going to go? Is the intention to bus them all the way to Westphalia, and back every day? And if it is, how is that going to save the School District money? I'm not sure that the decision to close Greeley Grade has been very well thought out, much like several other decisions that USO 365 district administrators have made recently.

I believe as a taxpayer these decisions which have such a major impact on our small communities, they should be debated on the merit, not necessarily what may be more convenient for the staff or administration, but the children. I would hope that this decision, Dr. Most is what everybody believes is best for our children, their Families, and the impacted communities!

Brian Hall, Garnett

TEST...

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14 from the Jackson County Jail in Holton, in which he demanded the court fire his defense attorney Jason Belveal, prefaced Belveal's request for the competency evaluation. During the hearing, Hermesch threatened to take off his headphones and slam them against a wall if the court did not relieve Belveal as his counsel. Belveal's transmission was muted for the remainder of the hearing.

shooting call.

Belveal asked the court in later April to declare the relevancy of any photos introduced as evidence prior to introducing them in court, and to be sensitive to the possible bias they might present to a jury.

Nemaha County District Judge John Weingart ordered a competency evaluation for Hermesch November 7.

"Gruesome photographs depicting the deceased, and the wounds of the deceased, can threaten a defendant's right to a fair trial like almost no other evidence," Belveal's motion read. "This type of photograph can both shock and repulse jurors, and encourage them to base their verdict on passion rather than reason."

Hermesch, 57 of Tulsa, is accused in the April 3 murder of Father Arul Carasala near the rectory of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca.

The probable cause affidavit noted Carasala was shot at least once in the head. He died after being taken to the Nemaha County Hospital.

A probable cause affidavit in the case said a witness near the church saw Hermesch shoot Carasala three times while the priest was in the yard of the church rectory. Hermesch then apparently drove to the Nemaha County Sheriff's office and turned himself in to sheriff's officers who were in the process of responding to the

Locals said Hermesch was raised in Seneca and graduated high school there in 1977. Reports as yet unconfirmed said Hermesch attended church services at Saints Peter and Paul the weekend prior to the shooting. He was said to have gone back to Oklahoma but returned the week prior to Thursday's shooting.

TOWN...

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ger-term population decline. The study emphasized that the closure "reshapes the community trajectory," often permanently reducing the town's ability to retain young families.

studies showing that even when academic operations are absorbed elsewhere, the town that loses its school typically loses a focal point of community life.

A synthesis published by The Journalist's Resource (Harvard Kennedy School, 2023) reported that rural schools function as "anchor institutions." When they close, communities experience fewer public gatherings, weaker civic networks, and diminished social cohesion. The report summarized multiple case

Across research from the National Education Policy Center, Washington State University, Brown University's Annenberg Institute, Social Science Research, and the Harvard Kennedy School, the pattern is consistent: Districts sometimes see modest efficiencies on paper, but the town that loses its school almost always suffers long-term economic and social costs.

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Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild minutes for November meeting

The Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Jeanette Gadelman on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 9:30am in the Kansas State Extension Office Conference room. There were 24 members in attendance and 1 guest, Janice Long.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed after the correction of the spelling of one name.

Mary Parrott gave the Treasurer's report. Rhonda Tiemeyer moved and Judy Stukey seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Joyce Buckley read a Thank you note from a visitor who received one of the prizes donated at the Anderson County fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Morale: Mary Parrott reported that November birthday cards had been sent. It was requested that a get well card be sent to Jerry Robinson.

PROGRAM: Mary Parrott reported that today's program will be on member's favorite quilt block. In January members will give their sewing resolutions for 2026. In the afternoon Jeanette Gadelman will show how to make the quilt bags for those interested and a pattern was distributed. For those not making the bag they could sew the bingo cards from last year together for charity quilts or sew on something of their own.

Quilters Hugs: Ruth Theis has 2 quilts and Lori Hoyt has 2 quilts.

Opportunity Quilt: The 2026 quilt is ready to be quilted. The committee for the 2027 quilt will meet in December & decide on the 2027 quilt pattern.

2025 Block of the Month: The following members showed their completed quilt top: Bonnie Deiter, Lynn Wawrzewski, Terrie Gifford, Connie Hatch, Donna Sutton, Jeanette Gadelman, Sharon Rich & Rhonda Tiemeyer. Sharon & Rhonda had their quilts quilted.

2025 Challenge: Pictures of the members UFO were first shown followed by the following members showing their completed UFO project with the Bangles & Baubles attached: Mary Parrott, Rhonda Tiemeyer, Judy Stukey, Helen Norman, Lynn Wawrzewski, Lynda Feuerborn, Bonnie Deiter, Jeanette Gadelman, Sharon Rich, Connie Hatch, Sandra Moffatt, Donna Sutton, Joyce Buckley, Marlene Cook, Margaret Keen, Brenda Futrell & Terri Gifford. Lynda Feuerborn & Margaret Keen won gifts from the Committee chairmen.

The 2026 Challenge Committee received several bags of 2 inch or larger scraps from members going to participate and members wanting to participate in the challenge can still bring bags of scraps until the December meeting.

December meeting: The Committee will provide a soup luncheon and all members will donate \$3 towards the expenses. Lynn Wawrzewski moved & Jackie Gardner seconded that members bring toiletry items to donate to ECKAN with items being divided between Anderson & Coffey County. Motion carried. Members were reminded to bring Christmas cards for their Secret Sister reveal. Members wanting to participate in a Christmas

game should bring 3 strips of fabric, measuring 2.5 inches by width of fabric. Any design of fabric is fine but holiday design would be festive.

Old Business: Jeanette Gadelman reported that there is still room for members to attend the February & September retreats. The Quilt Logo Committee is still considering ideas. Volunteers were solicited for the Library & Anderson County Scholarship Committeees. Bonnie Deiter handed out Secret Sister information for next year.

Secret Sister Gifts: Lori Hoyt & Janet Truelove received gifts.

Show & Tell: Connie Hatch a Quilters Hugs and a 1/2 square triangle quilt; Jackie Gardner 3 wall hangings using panels-Christmas scene, nativity scene and National Parks; Terrie Gifford a Santa basket made for her grandson, a folded fabric star & a charity quilt; Bonnie Deiter a quilters hugs shawl, a quilt to go along with book, "Little Ghost that was a Quilt" to donate to library; Rhonda Tiemeyer a quilt she tied; Mary Parrott a colorful Quilters hugs quilt and a candy box quilt made for her church; Margaret Keen a quilt using browns; Brenda Futrell a sunflower quilt; Janice Long a bag using vinyl & fabric.

Members then either showed or told about their favorite quilt block.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeanette Gadelman with a reminder that the December meeting will be on the third Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Minutes recorded by Ruth Theis

Deadline to register dogs & cats in Garnett is March 1

The City of Garnett is issuing a reminder to register your dogs/cats before March 1, 2026. A late registration fee will be assessed to any registration on or after March 1, 2026, for twice the amount of the annual registration fee (Chapter 2; Article 1 Dogs; 2-104 Article 3 Cats; 2-105).

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SCHOOL...

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a declining birthrate, but also due in part to students who live in USD 365 but who choose to attend other schools. Kansas education finance will allot \$5,618 per student with additional funding for special needs and low-income kids in the 2025-2026 school year. District budgets are allowed to average recent enrollments to arrive at a funding head count each year, but a loss in students should Greeley parents send their students elsewhere would no doubt contribute to lost enrollment

BUDGET...

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nificantly going forward. However, she will still have a small number of hours over 40, as our Child in Need of Care, juvenile and truancy docket often runs past 5 pm." He said his office manager Eric Mills will still have a number of hours in overtime working on building cases and helping prepare for preliminary hearings and trials.

Wilson voluntarily cut his salary to \$50,000 upon taking office after he was elected last year, making a deal with county commissioners to allow him to secure the services of an

and lost funding.

The January 8th public hearing is the first step in the closure processed. According to KSA 72-1431, the district is required to hear testimony on the proposed closure from community members and parents and the board has to present its rationale for the closure after the hearing, the board may vote on a resolution to close the facility.

Residents can challenge the resolution if the board adopts it. If at least 5% of registered voters in the district sign a request for review within 45 days of the

assistant, Wade Bowie, for \$40,000 a year. He said he hoped to save approximately \$20,000, in labor costs by turning Mills' job into a salaried position, but county commissioners balked at the idea with what Wilson called "sound rationale," fearing that they would lose the ability to turn the position back to hourly pay should the need arise.

County councillor James Campbell told commissioners the budget overage had to be declared to the county's auditors when its audit is completed after the end of the year. But Campbell said if push came to shove,

resolution's adoption, The Kansas Board of Education must conduct an administrative review of the district's closure plan. The state board then issues an advisory determination on whether the closure is "reasonable under the totality of the circumstances" and may recommend modifying or rescinding the resolution. If a review is requested the district board must hold a new public hearing to either reapprove, modify or rescind the closure resolution after that hearing.

commissioners were under no obligation to actually pay the remainder of the year's payroll in that office if they so chose.

Wilson said he would continue to watch for ways to save money in the office, but in the final analysis prosecutions in Anderson County need to be robust.

"I am certainly aware of my obligation to the taxpayers and I take that responsibility very seriously," he said. "However, I won't cut corners and I will always strive to do the best I can for the residents of Anderson County."

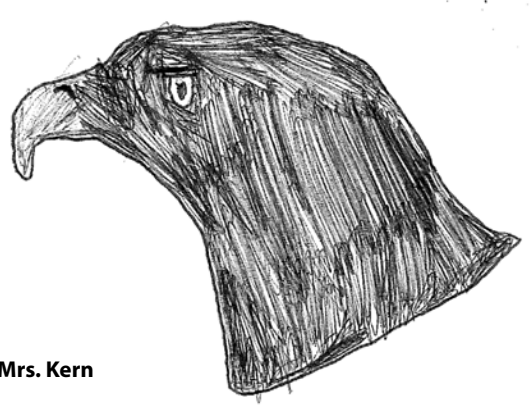


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The story of the Big Red Schoolhouse in Welda

by: Kathryn Bailey Allen, class of 1964, Welda High School

For most children growing up in Kansas in the 19th century, life was centered around the family farm. When settlers first reached Kansas, every member of the family had to work hard to survive, including the children. While assisting their parents with daily chores, children learned valuable skills they would need as adults and in the early years, children would be educated at home, but only if one or both parents could read and write, or sometimes it would be the local church that would teach children to read and write. Later towns built schools so children could attend. In the 1860s the average school term was around 3 months. As a rule, the older boys and girls went to school during the winter months when they could be spared from their farm chores.

In Welda, the beginning of high school came in 1907 when a one-year school was first taught by Miss Clara Alexander. A two-year school year followed and later a four-year school.

As the population of Welda and the community grew in the early eighteen nineties, the need for a school for both high school and grade school children was recognized, and in 1914 a new brick building was built for both grade school and high school students. The building held a real auditorium, a real stage and a fire escape. From those humble beginnings, Welda High School would go on to present the first class to graduate in 1915.

In 1920 the grade school and high school became separate institutions and Welda Rural High School was formed. The class of 1921 was the first class to graduate from this new school.

On Saturday, September 6, 2025, the 106th Welda School Alumni Reunion was held at the Welda Community Building. This building was once the shop class as well as the bus barn for Welda School. On the walls of the building hang pictures of those who graduated from Welda High School from the 1920's until the last graduation class in 1967. Along with the pictures, there are many trophies earned by the high school students that played sports for Welda High from the 20's through the 60's. These pictures and trophies are a reminder of the long school history.

It has been 58 years since the doors of the school were closed, yet the alumni have continued to meet every year. That fact speaks volumes about the value of the friendships, and importance of the connections of all the students.

The alumni organization began in 1919, thanks to Miss Blanche McClun who was a teacher and later principal of Welda High School. Shortly before Christmas vacation in 1919, she invited each of the prior graduates to discuss the idea of organizing an Alumni Association. The group met in the school auditorium and the idea was approved. That night the Welda Alumni Association was born. A president was elected for the following year with the understanding that the meetings would always be held during Christmas vacation. Light refreshments were served that night and from that grew the annual Alumni Banquet. These banquets were important to parents that also attended school in Welda. Everybody would dress up in nice clothes and enjoy some kind of entertainment and have a good time. God rest their souls!

May 25, 2019 marked the 100th anniversary of the

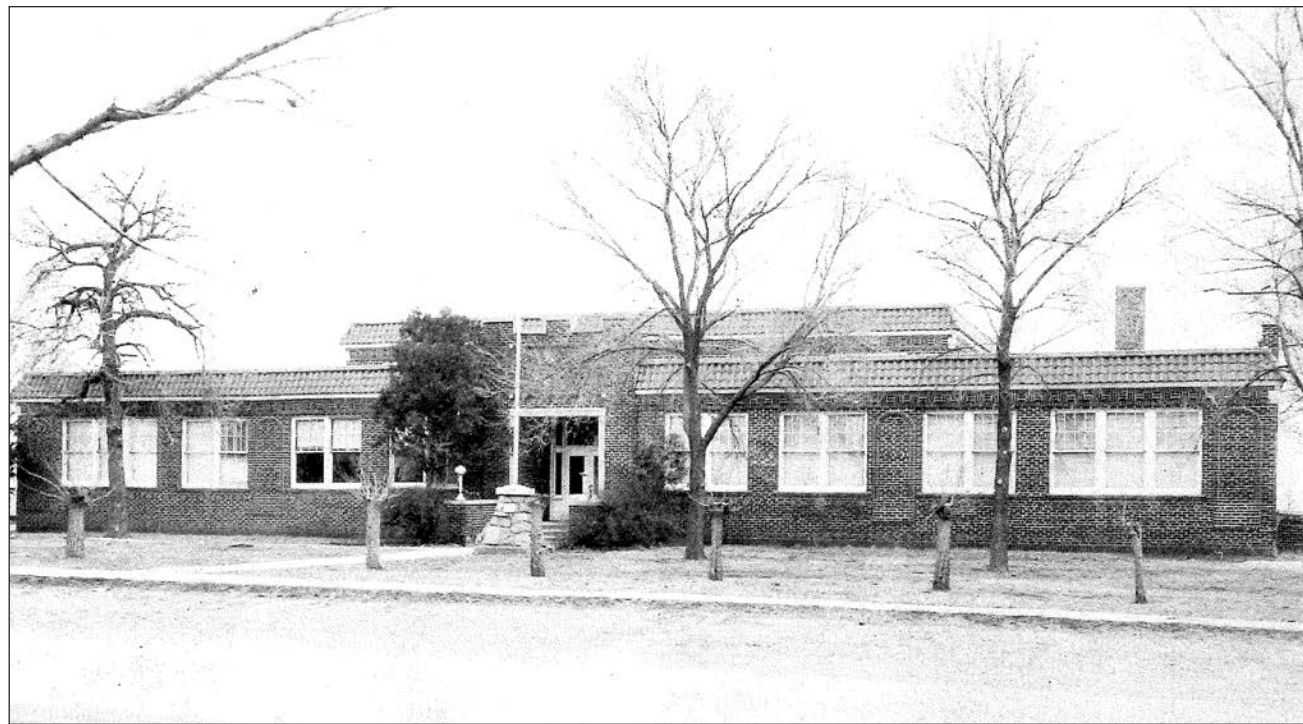
Welda Alumni Association. A large party with over 100 people was held.

Time passed and it was discovered that the two-story building constructed only thirteen years earlier had some defects in the walls and foundation. The building was soon condemned as unsafe for school use. Bonds for \$60,000 were voted on and passed to construct a new brick school building to house both elementary and high school classes. The building consisted of a gymnasium, library, office, storerooms, a basement and 12 classrooms.

After the old building had been torn down and while the school was being constructed, school was held in a former blacksmith shop and in two church buildings. In the Spring of 1927, the grade school and high school moved into the beautiful modern building. School bus transportation and a hot lunch program were introduced in the school in 1939.

From the humble beginnings Welda High School would go on to graduate 516 people between the years of 1915 and 1967.

Reunions remind us of



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In September, former graduates of Welda School celebrated their 106th school reunion. It has been 58 years since the last of the school's 516 graduates earned their diploma, but they still meet each year as they cherish their friendships.

the importance of friendships, and most of all are a connection to the community of our youth. Of course, we have changed. Welda has changed, school has changed, but for a moment, we can look back and enjoy reconnection to

our past.

The legacy that has continued for years and will continue as long as the Alumni lasts, is that members are notified when one of the schoolmates has passed away. Those members are honored at the

next reunion with a candle lighting service.

Today the big Red Schoolhouse is not so red, but continues to stand tall on the grounds that was once our school yard. The schoolhouse now houses the Old School Flea

Market, owned and managed by Cody Pretzer.

This is a quick story of Welda High School and remember: Once a Pirate, always a Pirate.

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- Burgundy Padded Arm Chair & Ottoman
- Solid wood Office Desk & Chair
- Matching Drexel Side Tables, solid wood
- Antique swivel Piano Stool, glass ball & claw feet
- Solid wood 5 shelf bookcase, 72"x 32"
- 2- Solid wood 3 shelf bookcase, 46"x 24"
- Large Mahogany 6 shelf bookcase, 84"x 48"
- 3- 5 shelf bookcases, 72"x 30"
- 2- bookcases, 84"x 30"
- Solid wood Bookcase, 80"x 30"
- Olive Green 4 shelf bookcase, 48"x 30"
- Bamboo 5 shelf bookcase, 78"x 38"
- 4 shelf bookcase, 45"x 24"
- Wire rack, 55"x 35"
- Solid wood bookcase, 3 drawer, bottom drawer, 61"x26"
- Solid wood 6 shelf bookcase, 81"x 28"
- 2- Solid wood 6 shelf bookcases, 84"x 36"
- Mahogany Beveled Glass 4 door display cabinet, 80"x 48", 4 glass shelves, lighted
- Mahogany Sofa Table
- Universal Furniture Dining table & 8 padded chairs, 2 leaves
- 2- Wood Hall trees
- Vintage Cast Iron & wood school desk
- Mahogany Kneehole desk, leather inlaid top, w/ chairs
- American Drew Queen size Poster bed, High boy & night stand
- Finley Kneehole desk w/ cane bottom chair
- 2 drawer Library Table, curved legs, decorative feet
- Black Leather wingback recliner
- 4 Drawer metal file cabinet
- 3- coat peg shelves, 48"
- Twin size bed, w/ Simmon's pillowtop mattress & box
- Several various style bar stools
- Vintage open front shelf, 27"x 18"
- Green painted China Hutch, 74.5"x 57"
- Drop Leaf side table
- Small Rocking Recliner
- Primitive 22 drawer cabinet, 51"x 44.5"
- 6' Folding Table, like LifeTime
- 12- 6' metal shelves
- Wood Rolling Serving cart
- Flip top wood blanket chest/bench w/ bottom drawer, 50"x 18"
- Wood Butlers Valet

APPLIANCES

- GE Chest Freezer, 33" T x 28.5W

OUTDOOR/ GARAGE

- Trek Domane 3 touring bicycle, 56cm, aluminum frame (subject to prior sale)
- Vintage Visalia?? 15" Stock saddle, leather bottom aluminum ox bow stirrups
- McDonald 50 lb. U.S. Standard Cast iron weight
- Sears 10 to 30 Power telescope
- Large assortment of lawn & garden tools, shovel, rakes, garden hoes, etc.
- 2- Cub Cadet push mowers, 20", rear bangers
- Troy Bilt lawn edger, gas
- 2- Stihl FSE 60 Elec. String Trimmers
- Stihl FES5 string trimmer
- Stihl EC 70 elec. Edger
- WORX Elec. Leaf blower/ vac
- Homesite 12" elec. Chainsaw
- Toro elec. Leaf blower/vac
- 3- Black & Decker elec. Hedge trimmers
- McCulloch elec. Chainsaw, 16"

Metal wheelbarrow

- Husky Power washer, elec.,
- Misc. Lumber
- Rubbermaid tool organizer
- 2- Orbit watering Tractors,
- Numerous coolers, various sizes
- Stack of Burlap bags
- Folding lawn chairs & loungers
- Several boxes plastic lawn edging, NIB
- Several hand bicycle pumps
- Several dome tents
- Pet carrier
- Several 12v air pumps
- Campfire grilling tools
- Several old wire egg baskets,
- Soaker hoses
- Tote full of various sizes ropes
- Wrought iron plant stand
- Several T posts
- Number of hatchets, corn knives
- Craftsman 2 section 24 drawer rolling toolbox
- 5 drawer rolling toolbox box
- Stack-On 3 section rolling toolbox
- Several other various sizes toolboxes
- Several organizers fold
- Hyper Tough 12v cordless drill
- Various shop hand tools, wrenches, ratchets, sockets, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, tapes measures,
- Several leather tool pouches
- Shop Vac Pro 16 gal. Vac
- Scott's lawn spreader
- Lot of old wood and metal lawn decor
- 2'T wire garden fencing
- Hyper Tough 10" Table saw
- GTV Large drill bit set w/ case, masonry, wood, metal, driver bits
- Old wooden work bench w/ wood vice
- Lot of load locks
- Allen receiver hitch bike carrier
- Porter Cable elec. Sawzall
- Makita power saw, 7 1/4", w/ case
- Ryobi palm sander, electric
- Black and Decker jigsaw, electric
- Hot Glue gun
- E. B. T. 90 Chrome Horse shoes
- Several plastic Skulls
- Werner 8' Aluminum stepladder
- Werner 6' Fiberglass step ladder
- Several limb saws, bow saws, loppers
- Extension cords
- Lots of lawn ornaments and figurines
- Dog house, 39" T x 32" W x 37" D
- Concrete bird bath
- Watering hoses
- Giraffe plant stand
- Round glass top patio table
- Coca Cola metal thermometer
- Metal Texas Star
- 2- Brown Wicker patio chairs & side table
- Several sets of snow skis and poles

HOUSEHOLD MISCELLANEOUS

- CycleOps exerciser
- Schwinn Biodyne exercise bike
- Assortment of luggage
- Assorted barbells and weights

Industrial mop bucket

- Metal folding chairs
- 360 pc. plastic cutlery set
- Several bathroom scales
- Lots of seashells and conches
- 1989 Jack Black Nez Perce Chief Joseph Native American Pottery planter
- Cast iron door stops
- 4'Tall Christmas Nutcrackers
- Several 24" Christmas Nutcrackers
- Number of cast iron banks
- Cow Parade French Moodie
- Number of Stained Glass Tiffany Style lamps
- Bronze base Floor lamp w/ 16" sq. Stained glass shade
- Floor lamp w/ glass globe base
- John Deere BR toy tractor
- Hand painted ceramic vase, 18" Tall
- Cast Iron skillets, Dutch Ovens
- Lots of Small Elec. Kitchen appliances
- Kitchen utensils
- Several Pampered Chef pizza stones
- Primitive long handle wood masher
- Set of Cuisinart Stainless Steel cookware
- Simmons Barber's Strop
- Number of Bose Wave Radio/CD players
- Salav clothes steamer
- Quilts, Bedding, Afghans
- Kansas City Southern Lines candle holders
- Several Cold Cast Resin figurines, Plato, Hippocrates, Aristotle, Socrates
- McCormick decanters
- SRO Guitar stand
- Resistor, Stetson hats
- Bunch of Church fans
- Several South of the Border Marionettes
- Otoe Indian Tribe prayer drum, Early 1900s,
- Cast Iron Trick Dog bank
- Cast Iron Monkey bank
- Stereoviewer & cards
- Several Cast Iron fruit peddler wagon & team of horses
- African Punu style tribal mask
- Vintage Terracotta Clay Aztec Mayan 5 hole flute
- Vintage Asian Folding Fan, Paper & Bamboo, hand painted, 5' x 3'
- Wooded Pine & Plaid pattern area rug, 8' x 11'
- Bear Family & Plaid design area rugs, 8' x 11'
- Bear Family & Plaid design area rug, 4' x 6'
- Antique Ornate Steamer Trunk, steel casters
- Resin stone Fairy Statue, 22"
- Ceramic Nativity Scene
- 2.5' Plaster plant stand
- Wood Noah's Ark scene
- Several sad irons
- Some The Beatles memorabilia
- Seth Thomas Metronome
- Vintage Montgomery Wards alarm clock/radio
- Several Vintage Canasta games
- Vintage Aldon Heart Co. Teddy Bear, 24"
- Carom board w/ rings
- Ping pong paddles & balls
- London Bridge clock, Platform 2
- 2015 KC Royals WS Champions pennant
- Bucket of Baseballs & Softballs
- Vintage J. C. Higgins Peanut's Lowery Baseball glove, Model No. 1656
- 3- Vintage Wilson Ball Hawk baseball gloves, Model No. A2280 & 2- A2170
- Vintage Wilson Mickey Stanley baseball gloves
- Vintage Wilson Spear-M 1st basements glove

- Vintage Hutch 165 1st basements glove, Whitey Lockman
- Vintage Sporting Goods Model 60-4258 glove
- Lots of other name brand ball gloves
- Golden Wedding coffee advertising signs, cardboard, 29" x 21"

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- Golden Replicas of the Flags of Our Nation
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- The Jefferson United States stamp album
- 2002- 2020 Definitives, album
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- Flags of our Nation
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- The Civil War collection
- The Twelve Days of Christmas collection
- Flora & Fauna
- USPS Commemorative addition, Elvis Presley
- Legends of Hollywood Marilyn Monroe
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- United States Liberty stamp album
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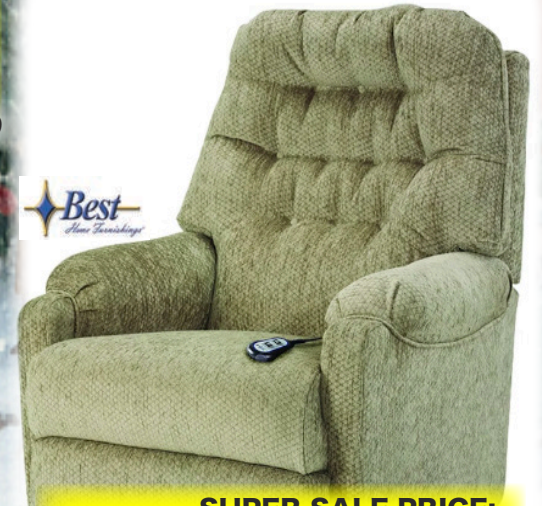
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