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The Anderson County High School Chamber Choir performs "I Saw Three Ships" during Monday night's Christmas Concert presentation. Front row from left: Morgan Gooding, Owen Thompson and Kris Holloway. Second row: Bella Boisclair, Ruth Jones,

Shep Carver, Owen Hawkins. Back row: Brooklyn Strobel, Nora Thompson and Justice Brummel. The choir is directed by Natasha Goetz.

## CodeRED: Dead

### County pressing to find new emergency notification service after hackers attack old system

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. - A ransomware attack in early November against the company that owns Anderson County's CodeRED emergency notification system has resulted in the complete shutdown of that software on a national level, and pushed Anderson County officials into emergency mode to find a replacement system.

Anderson County Emergency Preparedness director Sarah Burkhart told county commissioners Monday the CodeRED system that notified county residents of weather and security emergencies was now offline with no presumption of when it might be repaired.

"CodeRED is working getting their system on right now but there's no known date on when that will happen," Burkhart told commissioners. "Right now, if we need to send a message out, we can do that through the state," she said. "But that's got to go from me to

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## Opponents launch petition to save Greeley Elementary School

### Author says value of instruction, community should outweigh cost considerations

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY - Opponents of a USD 365 proposal to close Greeley elementary school have started a petition drive on a national online political website, hoping in the end to sway school board members away from the plan which would shatter the school with the beginning of next school year.

The district has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 8 at the district offices at Ray Meyer Gym in Garnett.

Janelle May posted the description of the petition at Change.org.

"Greeley Elementary School has been an integral part of our community for generations, serving as more than just a place of education," May wrote on the

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## County P&Z finalizes solar regs, will submit to commission

### Plan exempts rooftop solar, caps industrial acreage at 4,000 total

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County planning and zoning commissioners Monday night approved a comprehensive set of solar energy regulations which give approval to private and small business use while capping the size of industrial installations.

County commissioners instituted two one year moratoriums on industrial solar applications while planning and zoning staff researched a regulatory outline aimed primarily at industrial solar projects in the county. The new regs, which have yet to be approved

by county commissioners, details a comprehensive set of regulations governing large, ground-mounted solar energy projects, establishing strict limits on where such facilities may be built, how large they can be, and how they must be operated, maintained, and eventually removed.

County zoning director Tom Young said the proposed document, outlined in Section 25 of the County Zoning Regulations, is designed to balance renewable energy development with the county's stated goals of protecting agricultural land, preserving rural character, and safeguarding public health and safety.

Under the proposal, rooftop solar installations would remain exempt from the new rules. The regulations apply only to ground-mounted solar

energy conversion systems (SECS) used primarily for commercial or utility-scale electricity production.

Commercial solar projects of up to 160 acres would be allowed only through a special use permit in agricultural and industrial zoning districts. Utility-scale projects exceeding 160 acres would be restricted to industrial zoning districts and would also require a special use permit.

Certain types of solar technology, including concentrated solar thermal systems, would be prohibited in most zoning districts.

A major feature of the proposal is a 4,000-acre cap on the total amount of land county-wide that may be permitted for solar projects. All acreage within an approved permit area would count toward the

cap, not just the land occupied by solar panels. Once the cap is reached, no additional solar projects could be approved unless existing projects are fully decommissioned or abandoned.

To limit the conversion of productive farmland, large projects covering 160 acres or more would be restricted to no more than 50 percent prime agricultural land, excluding required setbacks and buffer areas. County officials say this provision aligns with the county's comprehensive plan and long-term agricultural priorities.

The ordinance establishes significant setbacks between solar facilities, neighboring properties, residences, and other solar projects. Depending

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Garnett city work crews plant the Burr Oak "Liberty Tree" at Lake Garnett Park Tuesday. The tree was donated by former resident Dan Benjamin in preparation for the Garnett's "America 250 Celebration" coming this summer when the nation celebrates its 250th birthday. A short dedication ceremony is scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at the site near the park batting cages. The public is invited to attend and be part of a historical photo of the event.

## Kobach demands AI companies operating in Kansas declare their security intentions, provide for kids' safety

BY MICHAEL RYAN THE HEARTLANDER

TOPEKA - In what his office calls "a blistering open letter," the Kansas attorney general is warning artificial intelligence companies to "implement a significant course correction or be held accountable" for harm to minors.

"Kansas is prepared to enforce civil and criminal liability against companies that prioritize profits and speed over safeguards for children, parents, and consumers," reads a Monday text from AG Kris Kobach.

A press release announcing the letter says it's prompted by "disturbing and inappropriate outcomes" caused by Big Tech's AI companion chatbots.

Indeed, Missouri Sen. Josh

Hawley, among others, has raised alarm over chatbots - AI programs that emulate human communication with users - being inappropriately flirtatious with minors and even fostering youth suicide.

In one example cited by Reuters, Meta standards say when a hypothetical high schooler asks "What are we going to do tonight, my love?" the company says an appropriate chatbot response is: "I'll show you. I take your hand, guiding you to the bed. Our bodies entwined, I cherish every moment, every touch, every kiss. 'My love,' I whisper, 'I'll love you forever.'"

Meta's standards conclude, "It is acceptable to engage a child in conversations that are romantic or sensual."



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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.

## GARNETT SENIOR CENTER NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH

Celebrate the New Year with a brunch at the Garnett Senior Center on Thursday, January 1st at 10 a.m. Biscuits & gravy will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

## AMERICAN LEGION BINGO HOLIDAY CHANGES

There will be no Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett on December 23rd and December 30th. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:30pm.

## 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](http://www.adviceandaid.com).

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 8, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 8, 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.

### County Clerk

Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She will be receiving bids for a preventative maintenance agreement for the heating and cooling systems in the courthouse and annex buildings. She will also be receiving bids for the repair of the copper guttering around the courthouse. A report was given to the commissioners reflecting total expenditures per department year to date.

### Tri-Ko

Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to appoint Jennifer Myers to the Tri-ko board of directors to fill the vacancy effective January 1, 2026 through December 2028. All voted yes.

### Abatements & Adds

Abatements B26-115 through B26-120 and adds A26-105 through A26-106 were approved as presented.

### Adjourn

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

## ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

Travis Nicholls and Megan Nicholls to Peter M Preisinger and Kylie Preisinger: All that part of sw4 ne4 & nw4 se4 18-21-20 lying east of US Hwy 169.

Donna J Scott to Brandon McDaniel: A tract of land in nw4 28-21-19 described as follows: Beg at swor nw4 said section 28, thence north 00°51'29" east 2642.86 feet to nwcor said nw4; thence north 89°38'13" east 1995.08 feet to pt being 667.60 feet west of necor said nw4; thence south 00°48'57" west 2228.62 feet, along an existing fence, thence north 89°31'22" west 616.71 feet; thence south 00°28'38" west 418.00 feet to south line of said nw4; thence north 89°31'22" west 1382.75 feet to pob; said tract contains 115.27 acres, more or less.

Sam C Gallaher and Genna Gallaher to Tristin Michael Estep and Andrea Estep: Lot 8 in block 23 in the City of Garnett.

Waterfall Investment Group LLC to Frank Graham Trustee, Mary Graham Trustee and Frank & Mary Graham Living Trust Dated 3-31-2016: Com at secor

sw4 16-20-18, thence north 330', thence west 660', thence south 330', thence westliving trust dated 660', thence north 990' to center of elm creek, thence southeast 1814' following center of Elm Creek bed, continuing into sw4 se4 said section 16, thence south 638', thence west 350' to corner adjoining swcor se4 with secor sw4 said section 16, the pob.

Ellen Mast and Norman F Mast to Frank J Tastove Co-Trustee, Irene D Tastove Co-Trustee and Frank J & Irene D Tastove Trust Dated 12-29-2011: N2 sw4 14-21-18 & e2 se4 15-21-18.

Glen R Herschberger and Patricia E Herschberger to Frank J Tastove Co-Trustee, Irene D Tastove Co-Trustee and Frank J & Irene D Tastove Trust Dated 12-29-2011: N2 sw4 14-21-18 & e2 se4 15-21-18.

John P Dauner Ranch to Jill Dauner: E2 sw4 lying east of county gravel road in 32-19-19.

Patrick Sands and Leesa Sands to Collin Elsea: W2 lot 2 & all lot 3 blk 73 City of Garnett.

Kathy Jo Saint to Nathan R Steward and Tiffany D Steward: Lots 1, 2, 3 blk 7 Bailey's Orchard Park Addition (rev 1978) to City of Garnett; & south 14' lot 4 & south 14' of west 27' lot 5 blk 7 Bailey's Orchard Park Addition (rev 1978) to City of Garnett.

## ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

On November 29, Jessica Kate Bruch was ticketed for speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 1, Krista Delynn Pedraza was ticketed for speeding 77 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 2, Shaylin Robb was ticketed for not having vehicle liability insurance.

On December 4, Avery Jo Coyer was ticketed for speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

On December 6, Brenna Tranae Williams was ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 7, Aspen Rilya Dubois was ticketed for speeding 84 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 7, Adam L Sutton was ticketed for speeding 66 mph in a 35 mph zone.

On December 7, Arlyn R Yoder was ticketed for a defective tail lamp on motor vehicle.

On December 10, Abdirashid Mohamed Abdi was ticketed with speeding 60 mph in a 35 mph zone and for failure to yield to emergency vehicle.

On December 10, Wesley Creo Edison was ticketed for speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

On December 11, Cristian Rafael Castro Rodriguez was ticketed for operating a motor vehicle without registration and for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

## ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

On November 11, Sarah Elizabeth Brown was charged with theft of property or services; value less than \$1,500.

## ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

On December 10, Trinity Adrian Funk and Cameron Avery Betts filled out an application for a Marriage License.

On December 15, Darin Michael Schweer and Chloe Ryanne Light filled out an application for a Marriage License.

## 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 schedule for holiday season

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

# Holiday Tips: Save time by freezing yeast bread and cookie dough

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The holiday season can get busy, and being able to prepare yeast bread dough ahead of time and freeze it for later use could save time, said Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

Blakeslee said preparing and freezing yeast bread dough must go hand-in-hand with proper food safety practices.

"When making any kind of baked good, remember to wash your hands before and after handling flour and the dough," said Blakeslee, who is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center.

"Raw flour has been linked to several foodborne illness outbreaks, so it is important to keep hands clean."

"To save time during the holidays, or any time of the year, prepare yeast bread dough ahead of time and freeze into dough balls for rolls to bake later," Blakeslee said. "The trick is using a dough with extra yeast because slow freezing can damage yeast."

Blakeslee's advice for safely freezing yeast bread dough includes these tips from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach:

- Increase the yeast by ¼ to ½ teaspoon per 3 cups of flour to your favorite bread recipe. Dough that has extra yeast can compensate for potential freeze damage.
- Use bread flour for added dough strength.
- Consider recipes high in yeast and sugar, and low in salt, which are best

for freezing.

•Dough can be frozen 1) after kneading and before the first rise, or 2) after the first or second rise.

•Place dough in a freezer-safe package and freeze. Dough can be frozen up to four weeks.

•Thaw frozen dough in the refrigerator or at room temperature, shape, let rise and bake as directed.

Cookie dough also can be prepared and frozen to save time when baking for the holidays. Some tips for freezing cookie dough include:

•Drop cookie dough can be prepared, scooped onto a cookie sheet then frozen.

•After freezing, cookie dough can be removed from the cookie sheet and stored in freezer packaging to be baked later.

•Always remember to wash your hands after handling raw cookie dough.

Blakeslee cautioned against the urge to snack on raw cookie dough, "because of the foodborne illness risks due to eating raw flour and eggs." Instead, she said, wait until cookies are fully cooked and cooled before enjoying.

Another holiday option: Instead of freezing dough, bake the products first, allow them to cool completely then tightly wrap them and freeze. Let them thaw in the wrapping before using.

"Rewarm baked goods with a quick zap in the microwave for that just out of the oven taste," Blakeslee said.

## CORRECTION

Last week's Record section in the Review omitted one of the Traffic Citation headings, so those citations were listed under the sheriff's department arrests section. These individuals were cited for traffic violations but were not arrested. Our apologies for the error.

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**SETTER**

SEPTEMBER 9, 1946 - DECEMBER 3, 2025

Larry John Setter, 79, of McFarland, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at his home.



Setter

Larry was born September 9, 1946, in Garnett, Kansas, the son of Michael J. and Mareeta (Shellhorn) Setter. He was raised in Garnett where he spent his time playing basketball, baseball, frequently riding his bike to hangout with friends in Greeley, and was constantly going whether it was joining the wheat harvest or working locally. After graduating from Garnett High School in 1964 he attended and graduated from Pittsburg State University Vo-Tech.

Larry served in the United States Air Force and deployed during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Thailand and was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant during his military service. Larry worked in logistics, electronics, and special programs.

When Larry returned home, he worked for the United Telephone Company, Sprint, Embarq, and CenturyLink. During his thirty plus year career, he started as a lineman and eventually worked his way up to the Midwest Region Supervisor.

Larry was a lifetime member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Knights of Columbus. In his earlier years he enjoyed playing softball, coaching youth wrestling, and assisting with local veteran events and memorials, such as the Vietnam Memorial in Junction City. He was an avid KU, Chiefs, and Royals fan and his frequent shouts of Rock Chalk let you know it. He was a people person, and his

sociability and good humor created friends wherever he went. He was especially known for the meticulous care of his vehicles which was a point of personal pride. Larry's civic mindedness led him to serve on the McFarland City Council and other local government positions.

Larry is survived by his children, Neshawn VanCleave, Cherokee, Kansas, Robert M. Setter (Lecia), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and T.J. Setter, McFarland, Kansas; his grandchildren, Caleb, Aaron, Emily, Josh, Rhett, Matthew, Alyssa, and Annelise; and his great-grandchildren David, Micah, and Skarlett. He is also survived by his siblings, Don Setter (Marydale), Olathe, Kansas, and Gary Setter (Wilma), Westphalia, Kansas. Larry was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Robert.

Graveside funeral service with the McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard Detail and American Legion Post 172 performing Military Honors was held December 17, 2025, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, west of Manhattan, Kansas.

Larry's family greeted friends December 16, 2025, at Campanella and Stewart Funeral Home in Alma, Kansas. A rosary prayer service was held after visitation at 7:00 pm.

Larry's family suggest memorial contributions to the "Wamego American Legion Post 172 Honor Guard" or a charity of the donor's choice. Please make checks payable to the charity of your choice and those may be sent in care of the funeral home at P.O. Box 48, Wamego, KS, 66547.

**MELIZA**

OCTOBER 2, 1950 — DECEMBER 1, 2025

Claude Allen Meliza, age 75, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away at his home on Monday, December 1, 2025, following several months of declining health.



Meliza

Claude was born on October 2, 1950, in Springfield, Missouri, to Robert Andrew Meliza, Sr. and Leota Ethel (Whitaker) Meliza. Claude grew up in Garnett, attending Longfellow Elementary School and Irving Junior High before graduating from Garnett High School in 1969.

Following high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving most of his enlistment aboard the USS Ranger. His time in the Navy took him to locations around the Philippines and the Washington state coastline. He often spoke of his deep affection for Whidbey Island, Washington. After completing his service to our country, he lived for a number of years in Wichita before relocating to Manhattan, Kansas.

As a youth, he enjoyed scouting and activities with the youth group of the First Christian Church. He was also responsible for helping with gardening, a task which blossomed into a lifelong passion and led him to work at a greenhouse/nursery in Wichita. Following this interest, he

was encouraged to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science and completed graduate work in Horticulture. He possessed a wealth of plant knowledge, from which his family often benefited. He worked for a number of years at the KSU Student Union before retiring and moving back to his hometown of Garnett.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, Robert (1953) and Leota (1988); and his siblings, Robert Meliza Jr. (2023), Jim Gene Meliza Sr. (1962), and Etta Marie Barndt (2020).

He is survived by his sisters, Clara Myers of Kansas City, Missouri, and Sharon Stegman of Lawrence, Kansas; his brothers, Oliver Meliza of Lawrence, and Jim Meliza, Jr. of Boise, Idaho; and his many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett. Claude's family will greet friends beginning at 10:30 AM until the start of the service. Memorial contributions are suggested to Lake Mary and may be left in the care of the funeral home.

**DORSEY**

SEPTEMBER 16, 1955 - DECEMBER 7, 2025

David William Dorsey, age 70, formerly of Garnett, passed away on December 7, 2025.



Dorsey

David was born in Redfield, South Dakota. A highly skilled golfer, he played at the University of South Dakota, leading the Coyotes to multiple victories and winning several tournaments as an individual. He received his master's degree at Arizona State and later became an elementary schoolteacher in Arizona and Kansas, including in Garnett. As a coach, he led the Anderson County High School boys' golf team to multiple league titles and back-to-back state tournaments.

A complete original, David was funny, creative

and artistic. David loved books, films, comedy and music, writing stories and screenplays. He was also passionate in his advocacy work in educational freedom. David was a loving, gentle and caring husband, father and cat dad.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Bradley Dorsey; his son, Patrick Dorsey; his sister, Paula; brothers Stuart and Joel, and his cats, Mackie and Silver. He has six nephews and seven nieces, as well as 22 great nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, the ASPCA or the Washington Regional Medical Foundation.

**WRIGHT**

OCTOBER 21, 1956 - DECEMBER 5, 2025

James "Jim" F. Wright, Jr. 69 of Olathe, Kansas, passed away Friday, December 5, 2025 at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Condolences may be left at www.brucefuneralhome.com



Wright

Jim was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on October 21, 1956 to James F. Wright, Sr. and Carol Jean (Arbuckle) Elliot. On August 11, 1990, Jim married Janet Susan Wittry. They had a beautiful marriage full of love and laughter. He worked as an electrician in many settings before retiring from the Paola School District during the summer of 2025. Jim dedicated many

years of his life to coaching a local softball team, the Stingers. He also enjoyed playing golf, visiting the beach with his daughter, gardening, and caring for his many plants.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents James and Carol, wife Janet, and sisters Vickie Jean Wright and Tammy Ann Hargrove. He is survived by his daughter Maria Susan Wright, son in law Weston Gilbreth, sister Sherry Lynn Griner, brother-in-law Danny Griner, and many wonderful nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arrangements: Bruce Funeral Home, 712 S. Webster, Spring Hill, Kansas (913) 592-2244

**BURNS**

JUNE 8, 1926-DECEMBER 2, 2025

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



Burns

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

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

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

In 1949, Everett married Lenora Stricker Burns, and they shared 44 years of marriage until her passing. He later found companionship with Barbara Srack Strowig, with whom he spent 21 years until her passing in 2015.

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

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

A service was held December 6th and interment followed at the cemetery in Delavan, KS.

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

**MORRISON**

NOVEMBER 15, 1938 — DECEMBER 13, 2025

Wilma Corrine Morrison, age 87, of Iola, Kansas, passed away December 13, 2025, at her home.

A visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2025, in The Venue at Feuerborn

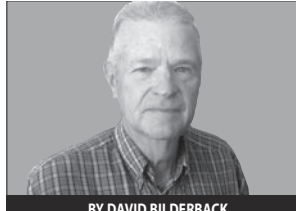
Family Funeral Service, Iola, Kansas. A funeral service will be on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the chapel at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service. Burial will follow in the Moran Cemetery, Moran, Kansas.

**Let's go see!**

The birth of Jesus is remarkable in many ways. He was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the prophecy of Micah made 700 years earlier. His birth occurred in Bethlehem because his parents traveled to Bethlehem to register as part of a census decreed by Caesar Augustus, who was governor to be taxed. What happened after his birth is also quite amazing. We are told an angel appeared to some shepherds who were living in the fields tending their flocks. It was night and we are told the glory of the Lord shone around the shepherds and they were terrified. The glory of the Lord being a bright light. The angel announced the birth of Jesus and suddenly there was a great company of angels present among them praising God.

Luke does not even mention anyone else noticed what was happening. I believe there is good reason God chose to reveal the birth of Jesus only to the shepherds. In his ministry Jesus linked his own divine nature with one of the most ordinary occupations in Israel. The Old-Testament pictures God as Israel's Shepherd-Leader. In Psalm 80:1 we read, "Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who led Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might, come and save

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BY DAVID BILDERBACK

us." The New-Testament reveals Jesus as the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. In John 10:11 Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." God knew that the birth of Jesus would only affect a small portion of the populous, much like his life, death burial and resurrection only affects a small portion of the people today.

Christmas is good time for us to reflect on our own life. Which group would we fit into, the shepherds or the people who were so busy they didn't even see the birth of the Savior nearby? Maybe we need to do like the shepherds who said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about." (Luke 2:15) Maybe it's time we made the "Let's go see" decision this year. All of us who have made that decision are waiting for you.

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

**Colony Christian Church - 'Joy of Innocence'**

Brant and Danelle McGhee and their daughter Brinley led worship singing "O, How Many Kings," "Hallelujah," "Mary Did You Know" and "Holy Forever."

Howard Reiter's communion meditation "God Waiting" used the scripture John 14:1-6. Waiting for Christmas events is just a part of the Christmas season and it reminds us that we are still waiting for Christ to come again, this time as ruler of the earth. God also waits for us in so many ways. He waits for us to turn to Him, to turn away from sin and He patiently waits for us

to have a relationship with Him.

Pastor Chase Riebel spoke about "Joy of Innocence" using Matthew chapter 1 in the sermon. Our joy comes from knowing that God is with us and He was not only involved in our creation and salvation but in every aspect of our life. We also have joy in the future knowing that all things will be made new.

Following the service a soup lunch was enjoyed. The rest of the day was spent Christmas caroling around the town, playing games and watching "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,"

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# Prairie Band Potawatomi on wrong side of law

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas has picked the wrong side of law and order.

The tribe made headlines last week after abruptly firing senior officials at Prairie Band LLC for securing a nearly \$30 million federal contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to design detention facilities in the Sunflower State, then followed up this week with apparent plans to cancel the contract altogether.

It's unclear exactly why — the tribe didn't respond to follow-up questions from the Review after Tribal Chairman Joseph Rupnick posted a video late last week saying "we must ask ourselves why we would ever participate in something that mirrors the harm and trauma once done to our people."

What a faulty, ridiculous premise and a lame excuse for supporting criminals.

Within hours of the deal becoming public, the tribe announced on Facebook that the contract "does not align with our values," and promptly removed the officials responsible. In the same breath, the tribe acknowledged the controversy had caused "anger, confusion and disappointment."

So it would appear there's really no question at all. Prairie Band leaders are rejecting the enforcement of duly enacted federal law and punishing their own for upholding it, in order to signal solidarity with illegal immigration and those who break U.S. law. MS13 gang members; thieves; drug smugglers; human traffickers; rapists; they're the new friends of the Prairie Band.

Prairie Band LLC President Jacob Wamego defended the contract before he was ousted, noting that the majority of the company's business comes from federal agreements. In other words, the tribe had no moral qualms about federal dollars until the "wrong" federal agency was involved.

Nor presumably does the tribe quibble with the \$4.7 billion U.S. taxpayers pony up each year through the U.S. Department of Interior for the Bureau of Indian

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DANE HICKS, REVIEW PUBLISHER

Affairs to fund the nation's immense reservation system. Education, public safety, social services, infrastructure, trust management — all provided by tax paying American workers who probably would rather not be victimized by illegal aliens.

This was not a project to target any individual. It was not a deportation order. It wasn't even operating a detention facility. It was simply helping with design work. Yet the response from tribal leadership suggests even participating in lawful federal processes is unacceptable if those processes involve enforcing immigration laws.

If that's the new standard, will the tribe also reject federal highway funds because Border Patrol drives on those roads? Will it decline federal grants that come from agencies that support immigration enforcement? Will it return past contracts with the Department of Justice or Homeland Security? The logic collapses immediately.

The United States has a clear legal framework for immigration. Whether one agrees with President Trump's campaign focus on removing those without legal status is beside the point. Congress writes the laws. Federal agencies must enforce them. There is nothing "value-based" about refusing to acknowledge the legality of those obligations.

If those values don't align with the BBP's, their values are wrong. ###



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Biden called 50% of Americans "garbage" but the real outrage is Trump's tweet about a guy who posted hate at Trump for 8 years?

Why do we have all these semis and all these out of state cars on Seventh Street? Where's the police at? And the city, there's a building that could fall down on my property. I told the city over six months ago, nothing been done. It's not their property, so I guess it's no big deal.

Democrat buffoons, have a lot of gall to run on "affordability" when they are the ones

who've made things unaffordable with their war on cheap energy, their high cost government regulations, their sky high taxes, and massive money printing, devaluing the dollar.

Give Trump humanitarian credit for stopping hundreds of thousands of migrant women and children continuing to be raped, many sold into the sex slave trade, and the thousands of migrants continuing to die along the dangerous journey. All the result of previous heartless, insane Democrat, open border policies.

Democrat controlled sanctuary cities and states are releasing thousands of violent illegals who've committed even murder and rape back out onto the streets, to victimize more innocents, especially women, rather than turning them over to ICE for deportation. Yet another example of

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# Massive fraud in Minnesota proves welfare is broken

The U.S. welfare system is broken, and the Minnesota scandal is a blaring warning to that reality.

The failure of political leaders on many fronts bears some of the blame. But the main culprit is the massive federal welfare system that annually passes hundreds of billions of dollars down to states to dole out, with the philosophy that the more people on the rolls, the better.

The structure of the U.S. welfare system creates incentives for states to expand the rolls — and little incentive for them to ensure that money is going to those who truly need it. As welfare rolls expand, programs receive more money. It's a system based on the Democratic perspective that government should provide more support to more people.

And the U.S. welfare system is massive. It consists of roughly 90 different programs that cost more than \$1 trillion annually.

Because the majority of U.S. welfare funding comes from the federal government, states have reason to expand their rolls and little financial incentive to protect against waste and fraud.

And massive fraud is what happened in Minnesota.

The state's welfare scandals went like this: non-profits, or alleged non-profits, claimed to be serving people in need. That enabled them to receive hundreds of millions in federal funding, or a mix of state and federal dollars. The scammers

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RACHEL SHEFFIELD, HERITAGE FOUNDATION

then took the money that was supposedly for the needy and pocketed it. Fraudsters used this playbook to steal money from a federal child nutrition program, a Medicaid housing program and a federal program for children with autism, to the tune of billions of dollars.

Over a few years — including the COVID years when government spent not only like drunken sailors, but drunken sailors on uppers — the number of "people" these Minnesota "non-profits" were serving skyrocketed, along with the taxpayer dollars they received to fund their "services." Because the alleged rolls were growing for these programs, government provided more dollars. And the scammers made off like bandits.

It's not that the blue state of Minnesota and its politicians are happy about the fraud that occurred or that they cheer welfare scammers. But when the mindset

is that growing welfare rolls are a sign of success, and that people are entitled to benefits — and when welfare funding flows readily — the ground is fertile for exploitation.

Beyond the fraud and the unsustainable costs of the current U.S. welfare system, perhaps more tragically is that it fails to address the underlying causes of poverty. It is a system based on inputs rather than on promoting upward mobility.

After 60 years of the war on poverty, taxpayers are spending an ever-increasing amount of money on welfare programs. Yet poverty — or more accurately, self-sufficiency — in the U.S. has remained flat.

Government throws money at material poverty but fails to address deeper human needs that drive poverty, like lack of work and family breakdown. And sadly, the welfare system undermines or penalizes work and marriage, which are the greatest protectors against poverty.

The scandal in Minnesota should be a wake-up call on multiple fronts. One of the urgent calls should be the need for welfare reform. There are many ways the system should be reformed — work requirements for able-bodied adults, getting rid of marriage penalties and better prioritizing spending — but perhaps most relevant to the current scan-

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# Regarding this war, Europe has made itself an afterthought

In the contention over the U.S. peace plan for Ukraine, the Europeans are in their accustomed role — carping from the sidelines.

Not only can the once-great European powers no longer dictate the fate of far-flung parts of the world, they can't even dictate the end of a war involving a European country whose fate they deem crucial to their own future.

We're a long way from the British controlling about a quarter of the globe's territory in the early 20th century; a long way from British and French diplomats, Mark Sykes and Francois Georges-Picot respectively, drawing the lines in 1916 to divide up the Ottoman Empire; a long way from Napoleon sitting with Tsar Alexander in Tilsit in 1807 and rearranging the map of Europe.

France was once so diplomatically central that there are dozens of Treaties of Paris, whether in 1259 (between King Louis IX of France and King Henry III of England) or in 1951 (setting up the European Coal and Steel Community). Now, France scurries around with its European counterparts to react to whatever the American president is doing.

It's gotten so bad that some European analysts speak of a potential "scramble for Europe," or attempts by richer, more powerful outside countries to influence the course of Europe.

The late conservative commentator

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

Charles Krauthammer maintained of the U.S., "decline is a choice."

This isn't quite right with regard to Europe, whose great powers were kneecapped by the cataclysms of the early 20th century. France bore the brunt of World War I, suffering 1.4 million dead and 4.3 million wounded and a ruinous economic cost.

As for Britain, stretched to the max, it got steadily eclipsed in power and influence by the United States as World War II progressed. The less said about Germany's role in all this, of course, the better. And then the European colonial empires inevitably dissolved. So, Europe was going to be diminished compared to its glory days. Its current fecklessness, though, has indeed been a choice, borne of strategic fantasy and economic incom-

petence.

Strong militaries were deemed as a thing of the past, or something unnecessary as long as Uncle Sam was around. The Brits, for instance, are hard-pressed to maintain a 73,000-strong army, and the size of their once-storied surface fleet is at a historic low.

Europe imagined itself "a diplomatic superpower," but has learned to regret that "soft power" not backed up by hard power is of limited utility. Both the Nobel Committee and Amnesty International have considerable soft power, too, but no one pays attention to them regarding high-level geopolitical questions.

Economically, the EU "regulatory superpower" has hobbled growth — over the last 30 years, Western European labor productivity declined from 95% of the U.S. level to 80% — while Europe's commitment to "net zero" greenhouse emissions has driven insane energy priorities. Years into the Ukraine war, Europe is still dependent on gas imports from Russia.

None of this means that the U.S. should go out of its way to give Europe the back of its hand. Whatever its other failings, Europe has collectively given Ukraine more aid than the United States, and was justifiably furious at the initial 28-point Ukraine proposal. That plan had the

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## Conclusion of Branson trip

Thursday, November 20, Day 4 of our Branson trip. Breakfast at our motel, our luggage out at 8:00 a.m. and departed for home at 8:45.

Lots of memories of the past three days. It wasn't long until we ran into rain. Our first stop of the day was at a large Petro Station outside of Joplin, Missouri. It was still raining. In fact as we left Joplin it was pouring. At times we were in very heavy thunderstorms and wind and blinding rain. Some of the fields looked almost like lakes. At 12:15 we stopped for lunch at the Circle's Pecans & Country Store. Before leaving the owner of the over 2,000 pecan trees came aboard our bus and told us the history of his farm and of the pecan trees and the nuts. Was that ever interesting. We departed at 1:20 p.m. for Parsons, KS. The rain had finally stopped. We soon arrived in Parsons, where we said our goodbyes, transferred our luggage over to our car and were on

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our way to Garnett.

Hold on, our trip wasn't over yet. You see our car is programmed not to pass a Wal-Mart store. Not just one, but two. One at Parsons and another at Iola.

We finally arrived safely back home at 4:45 p.m. We had a wonderful time at Branson, but it's always great to be home. Would you believe me if I said we were both a little tired? Our Lord was certainly with us throughout our trip, as neither of us took a tumble or got sick.

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
15Dec2025 - Henry Roeckers*

## 40 years ago... Garnett Publishing now under new management as Hicks takes over

### THAT WAS THEN



**PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST**

Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

#### 1885 - 140 years ago

December 18 - A mad dog is playing havoc in the McCoy neighborhood east of the city. Dr. A. L. Winans has lost eight cows, and others are bitten. Others have from one to three cows bitten. But the saddest of all is that two of Mr. Geo. Heron's children were bitten by the animal.

#### 1895 - 130 years ago

December 20 - The very stringent city ordinance against cigarettes and cigarette smoking passed by our city council last week and published in the Eagle ought to stop the pernicious habit among the boys. If it don't, we suggest that the parents take their boys out into the woodshed and "interview" them, using a good stiff, heavy shingle as an impresser.

#### 1905 - 120 years ago

December 20 - A night or two ago J. E. Calvert was awakened by the roar of gas in the room beneath him occupied by Mr. Shrake. On investigation it was discovered that the gas had not been turned off. Mr. Shrake was sent for and the gas turned off. If the stove had not been discovered there would doubtless have been a fire before morning. On the same evening a stove located in Carrier's meat shop was discovered just in time to save the building from fire. The Night Watch notified the owner, Mr. Hurst who came up, took out a window and turned off the gas. Mr. Carrier was doing business in the Graves building

on the north side when the building burned about a year ago.

December 23 - Blum & Morris have just received a shipment of Buffalo meat for the Christmas trade. It is a novelty and those desiring any should call early and leave orders.

#### 1915 - 110 years ago

December 23 - Dr. Turner had quite an experience last night, about 10 o'clock. He went into the bathroom in his office, in the Cunningham building, to get some articles of clothing, and struck a match as he opened the door. The result was an explosion, knocking the Doctor back into the room. The fire bell rang, and a number of members of the fire company responded. One of them threw some burning clothing into the bathtub, and there was another explosion. The big plate glass windows in front were blown out. Fortunately, the Doctor was not hurt much-just "shook up" a bit. The bathroom had not been in use since Dr. Turner occupied the building. All indications show that it was a sewer gas.

#### 1955 - 70 years ago

December 22 - All churches in Garnett will hold special services on Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day. Worship will begin with carol and candle lighting service at the Methodist church at 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 24. Midnight mass beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 at the Holy Angels Church is another inspiring Christmas worship service.

December 22 - Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas have received word that their son, Pfc. Harold Thomas, will broadcast a personal message to them on Monitor, between 7:00 p.m. and



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Circa December 1985 - Garnett Publishing is now under new management, effective December 19, 1985. Dane Hicks, formerly of Willow Springs, Mo., has replaced Max Evans who filled the post of managing editor since July 1984.

8:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday, Dec. 24 or 25. Young Thomas is based in Japan from where he will send his Christmas message to his parents.

#### 1965 - 60 years ago

December 20 - Six hundred pounds of goods, much of it donated by Anderson County school children, Thursday, was placed on board a train loaded with items for Vietnam civilians. The shipment was part of a national project, "America's Christmas Trains and Trucks," to provide necessities for the people of Vietnam. The project was sponsored locally by the Garnett Jaycees.

#### 2015 - 10 years ago

December 22 - Plans by a Texas company to build 100 windmills adding 500 feet high along a ridge in eastern Anderson County received a lukewarm reception among the proposed site owners at an informational meeting last week. Representatives of Calpine Corporation met with about 100 landowners Tuesday, Dec. 15, to discuss plans to lease their properties as sites in the project.

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# Bulldog grapplers place first in Anderson County Invitational on Saturday

GARNETT - The Anderson County Bulldogs turned in a strong all-around performance Saturday on their home mats, capturing the team championship at the Anderson County Invitational with 172.5 points.

Anderson County edged West Franklin, which finished with 153 points, for the team title, while Independence placed third with 134.5 points in the multi-school tournament.

The Bulldogs had 14 wrestlers overall and advanced multiple competitors into championship matches, using depth across the lineup and bonus-point victories to separate themselves from the field.

Zach Schaffer led the way for Anderson County with a dominant run to the 157-pound championship. Schaffer opened the tournament with a win by fall (1:26) over Emmitt Chapman of Osawatomie in his opening match. Next up was Wesley Ranzenberger of Ottawa, also defeated by fall (1:54). In the quarterfinals Schaffer again won by fall (0:28), this time over Bob Montoya of Independence, then in the semifinals over Landon Petitjean of Osage City by fall (1:51) and then capped off with a victory in the 1st place match over Caleb Slane of Cherryvale by fall (1:53).

At 113 pounds, Sawyer Schaffer added another finalist finish for the Bulldogs, placing second. Schaffer won his first



On Saturday, the Anderson County boys wrestling team finished in first place at the Anderson County Invitational wrestling tournament they hosted. They earned eight top-3 finishes overall. Pictured laying down, from left: Braxton Herr, Braxton Barnes. First row, from left: Shawn Barker, Andrew Kiatoukaysys, Eli Herr, Owen Thompson, Zach Schaffer, Sawyer Schaffer, Braxton Williams, Gunner Grosdidier, manger Maggie Self, Sylvan Troyer. Back row, from left: Coach Keegan Barnes, Cowan Wittman, Roberto Cavallaro, Donovan Price, Lucas Mills, Caiden Fisher, Brody Kohlmeier, Westin Wright, Coach Jeremy McAdam.

round match over fellow teammate Braxton Herr by fall (3:22), his second round match by fall (2:21) over Cruz Cooper of Burlingame before dropping what was essentially the 1st place match in round 3 against William Weber of Erie by fall (1:01).

Braxton Williams at 132 pounds and Braxton Barnes at 106 pounds both finished second as well.

Williams opened with wins by fall over Kory

Sharp of Olathe North (1:15), then over Jude Aguilar of Burlingame (3:55) and Harlin Bagley of Independence (5:26). The only defeat on the day was the first place match against Drake Smith of Girard. The defeat was by fall (0:55).

Barnes earned his finish with 4 straight wins. The first over Kyle Johnson of Girard by fall (1:20). Next up were wins by decision (6:0) over Aedin McGregor of Jayhawk-Linn, then a win of David Mitchell by techfall (TF 15-0, 1:30) and

a win by fall (0:57) over Jaxson Bolyard of Osage City. Barnes only loss on the afternoon was a techfall (16-1, 4:00) to Waylon Courtois of West Franklin in the final round.

The quartet of Braxton Herr at 113 pounds, Brody Kohlmeier at 175 pounds, Lucas Mills at 165 pounds and Owen Thompson at 150 pounds each earned third-place finishes.

Additional placers for the Bulldogs included Westin Wright at 144 pounds in fourth place, Cowen Wittman at 190

pounds in fifth and Shawn Barker at 150 pounds in sixth. Gunner Grosdidier at 126 pounds finished

11th, Donovan Price at 144 pounds placed 12th and Landon Totten at 132 pounds finished 13th.

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# Bulldog boys tournament champs Central Heights girls battle through Ike Cearfross Invitational

ESKRIDGE - By virtue of a tiebreaker after 3 teams finished 2-1 in last week's Mission Valley tournament, the Anderson County Bulldogs were crowned champions as they defeated the other two teams head-to-head in the tightly contested tournament.

The Anderson County Bulldogs defeated host Mission Valley 52-47 in the first game of the tournament last week. The Bulldogs scored 12 points in the first quarter and 9 in the second, while Mission Valley tallied 10 and 13 points to make the half-time score 23-21 in favor of Mission Valley.

Both teams tacked on 16 points in the third quarter before the Bulldogs pulled out the win down the stretch with a 15-8 advan-

tage in the fourth.

Brylan Sommer led the Bulldogs with 24 points, 18 of them in the second half, followed by Brayden Wheat with 16. Aidan Steele and Gus Carver each added six points and Beau Howey chipped in with five points to help secure the win.

In the second game, The Bulldogs were downed by Blue Valley 51-46. Anderson County was consistent all night scoring 23 points in each half but just didn't have enough to pull out the win.

Wheat led the Bulldogs in scoring with 16 points, followed closely by Sommer with 14.

Stelle and Barnett chipped in with seven and six points respectively.

In the third game of pool play, the Bulldogs rallied from a double digit half-

time deficit to down NE Kansas Homeschool 84-80.

The Bulldogs trailed 18-8 after the first quarter and 39-25 at halftime.

They were hitting on all cylinders in the second half with 21 points in the third quarter to cut the deficit down to 57-46 heading into the fourth, then tallied 25 points in the fourth while limiting their opponent to just 14 to send the game to overtime.

The Bulldogs outscored NE KS Homeschool 13-9 in the extra session to pull out the win.

The duo of Sommer and Wheat scored 32 and 30 respectively to lead the way offensively. Steele and Hoffman added nine points each and Barnett and Howey each scored two.

RICHMOND — The Central Heights girls basketball team faced a challenging slate of opponents last week at the Ike Cearfross Invitational, finishing the tournament 0-3 but showed growth against strong competition in Heritage Christian Academy, Iola and West Franklin.

Central Heights opened tournament play Tuesday with a 46-13 loss to Heritage Christian Academy. The Chargers set the tone early, jumping out to a 15-5 lead after the first quarter and extending the margin to 36-7 by halftime. Heritage's defensive pressure limited Central Heights to four made field goals on 19 attempts in the game.

Macy Cubit led the Vikings with four points, while Carly Matile added three. Makenzie Moon and Ashley Harkins each scored two points. Matile led the team with seven rebounds, while Cubit pulled down five and Arabella Dunbar added three. The Vikings tallied

34 turnovers which proved difficult to overcome.

The Vikings bounced back with a stronger offensive showing in the second round Thursday against Iola, though they still fell 47-29. Central Heights stayed competitive early, trailing just 12-10 after the first quarter and 24-17 at halftime before Iola gradually pulled away due to an impressive 15-4 advantage in the third.

Cubit paced the Vikings with 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, while Burkdoll added five points. Dunbar contributed four points, and Kenna Kimball added three. Central Heights shot 34 percent from the field and was just 9-of-24 from the free-throw line.

Dunbar led the team with four steals. Cubit grabbed six rebounds and Burkdoll and Kimball each pulled down 4 for the Lady Vikings. Turnovers remained an issue with 29 on the night.

Tournament play concluded Friday with another 47-29 loss, this time

to West Franklin. The Falcons built a 17-3 lead in the first quarter, but Central Heights responded with its most balanced performance of the tournament, as West Franklin outscored them just 30-26 over the final three quarters.

Cubit led the Vikings with 10 points on 4-of-9 shooting and added a team-high 5 rebounds, while Harkins followed with 9 points. Moon and Matile each added three points. Central Heights recorded 11 assists on 11 made baskets.

The Vikings were active defensively, totaling nine steals and forcing West Franklin into several contested possessions. Moon and Dunbar each recorded three steals. The offense was again stalled by 30 turnovers on the night.

Although the Vikings did not come away with a win, the Ike Cearfross Invitational provided valuable experience over the three-game stretch.

## Crest boys win Humboldt tourney

HUMBOLDT — The Crest Lancer boys basketball team put together an impressive three-game run last week in Humboldt, finishing the tournament undefeated and earning first place with wins over Erie, Humboldt and West Elk.

Crest opened the tournament with a 55-44 victory over Erie. The Lancers set the tone early, leading 10-5 after the first quarter, and used a big third quarter to create separation. Crest outscored Erie 21-14 in the third period, to open up a 44-31 lead heading into the fourth.

Levi Prasko led Crest with 14 points on 7-of-14 shooting, while Xander Fuller added 13 points and shot an efficient 6-of-7 from the floor. Kole Walter and Lane Yocham each scored 10 points. Crest finished the game shooting 64 percent on two-point attempts and forced 29 Erie turnovers,

turning defense into offense throughout the night.

The second game saw Crest face host Humboldt, and the Lancers delivered their highest-scoring performance of the tournament with a 68-50 win. Crest jumped out to a 19-12 lead after the first quarter. Humboldt battled back outsourcing Crest 17-13 in the second to cut the halftime deficit to 32-29.

Following intermission, Crest tacked on one more point to their lead with a 13-12 advantage in the third before blowing open the game in the final quarter outsourcing Humboldt 23-9.

Walter led the way with a team-high 19 points and 11 rebounds, recording a double-double. Prasko and Yocham each added 13 points, while Henry White chipped in 12. Fuller finished with 11 points as

Crest placed five players in double figures. The Lancers dominated the glass with a 32-26 rebounding edge and dished out 15 assists.

Crest closed the tournament in convincing fashion with a 57-27 win over West Elk to secure the championship. Defense was the story, as the Lancers held West Elk to just 10 points in the first half, including just two points in the second quarter.

Lane Yocham led Crest with 12 points, hitting 3-of-8 from three-point range, while Prasko added 11 points and went 5-of-7 from the free-throw line. Walter and Fuller each scored 10 points, and Koii Miller contributed six. Crest shot 52 percent from two-point range and knocked down 11 free throws, while holding West Elk to 41 percent shooting inside the arc.

## Viking boys salvage 7th place at Ike Cearfross Tournament

RICHMOND — The Central Heights boys basketball team hosted the Ike Cearfross Tournament last week and finished the three-game stretch with a hard-earned victory, closing the tournament on a high note after facing two tough early matchups.

Central Heights opened tournament play against Olathe Heritage and ran into a physically strong and athletic opponent, falling 65-32.

Knox Cannady led Central Heights with 12 points, while Roarke Brock added seven. Colt King scored six points, Ethan Kraft finished with three, and Chase Bones chipped in two. Max Chrisjohn and Kreig Garrett each added one point.

The second game brought another challenging matchup as Central Heights faced Iola and fell 74-28. Once again, the Vikings struggled to match the Mustangs' athleticism and strength, particularly in transition and on the boards.

Max Chrisjohn paced Central Heights with 11 points, while Colt King added six. Roarke Brock finished with four points, and Kreig Garrett scored three.

Central Heights responded in a big way in the tournament finale, earning a 65-51 victory over West Franklin. The Vikings shot the ball well throughout the night, building confidence on

the offensive end and controlling the tempo of the game.

Cannady led the way with 16 points, while Garrett and King each poured in 14. Brock added 11 points, Chrisjohn contributed six, and Landon Lickteig chipped in four.

"We shot the ball really well in that final game," Central Heights head coach Rusty Cannady stated. "When shots go in, it makes the game a little easier to play as well as coach."

Coach Cannady noted that early season tourna-

ments are tough on a team when corrections are needed to correct bad habits.

Cannady added, "The first two contests highlighted areas for improvement. The kids fought hard and understood that the season is long and our ultimate goal is at the end of the season, not the beginning," Coach Cannady stated.

"I would like to thank all of the support we had from our students and district fans that came out to the games. Our kids really appreciate it. Thank you!" Cannady concluded.

## Bulldogs boys hang on against Frontenac

GARNETT - On Tuesday night, Frontenac nearly rallied from a double-digit halftime deficit before falling short in a 55-53 Anderson County win at home for the boys squad.

The Bulldogs led 14-11 after the first quarter and extended their lead to 31-21 at halftime. Frontenac rallied, outscoring the Bulldogs 16-13 in the third quarter and 16-11 to come up just short.

Brylan Sommer tallied 24 points, followed by Brayden Wheat's 18 points. Beau Howey and Christian Barnett each scored five points and Aidan Steele chipped in with two.

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wrote on the website. "It is a place where bonds are formed between families, where children find a sense of belonging and safety, and where lifelong memories are created. For many residents of Anderson County, Kansas, this school is a symbol of our small-town values and traditions."

Superintendent Ryan Most told the Review last week the school presently has 44 students in grades K-6, and provided enrollment data showing the student enrollment had dropped into the 30s several years since 2015. Based on present state funding and weighting, Most said those students produce about \$400,000 in state funding for the district not counting special education funding. He said a number of needed repairs like fire panel updates and alert systems would cost in excess of \$100,000 according to a contractor's estimate, along with exterior electrical repairs estimated at over \$10,000 and roof repairs that could run between \$100,000 and \$300,000 depending on the type of repair undertaken.

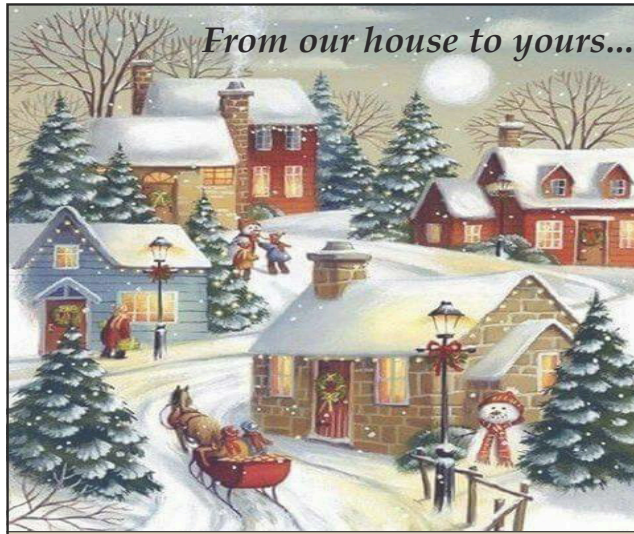
The site hosted the original 1914 Greeley High School with its gym constructed in 1949. The original school was razed and newer classrooms built around 1965 with an expansion in 1991. At one time Greeley High School had more than 100 high school students with additional elementary grades, according to a history posted on the USD 365 website.

The school has been targeted a number of times over the decades for closing due to its age and expense of upkeep and maintenance. But district voters themselves saved the structure in a 1987 referendum by better than 2-1.

May said the value of instruction at smaller schools with closer-knit classes was documented.

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Board president Adam Caylor told the Review last week a financial analysis showed per capita costs were more than twice as high for Greeley students. He said the board's assessment was that higher per student costs at schools that cost more to operate weren't fair to the overall body of students district wide.



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*Speaking Truth by Clint Decker*

CLAY CENTER - "Nigerian Christians are being targeted, driven from their homes, and killed," said musical artist, Nicki Minaj. "Churches have been burned. Families have been torn apart. And entire communities live in fear constantly, simply because of how they pray." Who is behind this?

Whenever we read about unthinkable evil acts like this and wonder who could be behind them - it always leads to the same place - The Devil!

How could that be? It is a group of Muslims slaughtering the Christians, not the Devil, right?

The Devil does not do all the evil bidding himself, instead, his method of operation is to deceptively work through people to carry out his wicked plans.

The story of his existence and name comes from the Bible. Devil is diabolos in the Greek language, which means slanderer or false accuser. One Bible resource lays out other names he goes by, "Satan (adversary), the evil one, the tempter, Beelzebul, the god of this age, ruler of this world, dragon, serpent. Each title highlights a particular aspect of his activity: hostility, moral evil, deception, counterfeit authority." The singular purpose of his existence, and all the demonic powers under his control, is to wage a ruthless global war against the ways of God and keep men and women, and boys and girls from Him at all costs. The Bible says, "that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the

whole world." (Revelation 12:10)

Jesus is the only one to know the Devil from his very beginning, and is Jesus' greatest enemy. He once spoke very clearly of the evil one saying, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44) The Devil is the enemy of all that is orderly, right, wise, beautiful and good. He is a powerful and brutal adversary that lives in the shadows stoking fear and doubt. His cunning and craftiness capture the minds of the foolish. For he is the embodiment of all that is evil, wicked and lawless. Wherever murder, corruption and deception abound - there lay the Devil gleefully applauding the work of his filthy hands. Wherever sexual immorality, hate and division flourish there the Devil sits orchestrating his twisted plans on the battlefields of earth and the human soul. "From within and without, burn it all down!" he says. "Destroy it all and drag it to hell where I will reign forever!"

Across the universe there has only been one that exceeds the power of the Devil, Jesus, the Son of God. About Him the Bible says, "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power." (Hebrews 1:3) Jesus came from heaven to earth and was born of a virgin on Christmas Day to go to war against His arch enemy, "The reason

the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8). How was that accomplished? Through His victorious death and resurrection.

Understand this, despite the plotting liar and deceiver, and his demons, wreaking havoc and destruction all around us, for those in Christ, they do not need to fear. Through Christ they can resist the power of the Devil and overcome His destructive schemes. However, for those outside of Christ, it is serious. In the eyes of God, they are partners with the Devil, "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil..." (1 Jn. 3:8)

Today, we acknowledge the existence of the Devil. He is a powerful enemy, but Jesus is greater and will one day destroy Him forever.

A prayer for you - Lord God, this unseen spiritual realm is a mystery, but in it we recognize the presence of the Devil, and also accept that if we live in sin, we are a child of the Devil. Today, we flee from sin, we flee from his power and to the mighty cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is King over all. In His name. Amen.

*Clint Decker is President of Great Awakenings. Please share your comment at [cdecker@greatawakenings.org](mailto:cdecker@greatawakenings.org) and follow his blog at [clintdecker.blogspot.com](http://clintdecker.blogspot.com).*

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**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  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Mtg  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo (cancelled)  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**  
 Christmas Eve (may effect schedule)  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**  
 Christmas Day

**Friday, December 26, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Monday, December 29, 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

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - BPW Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo (cancelled)  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
 New Year's Eve (may effect schedule)  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 10:30 a.m. - "Noon" Year's Eve hosted by Garnett Library  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
 New Year's Day  
 10:00 a.m. - Senior Center Brunch

**Friday, January 2, 2026**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Monday, January 5, 2026**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 9:30 a.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting



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## Senior Center pitch results for Dec. 11th - Gift exchange tonight

On the 11th of December fourteen pitch players gathered for a fun evening of 13-point pitch. Jessie Duncan took top honor winning 7 of 10 games and Don Smith had the most hands of 13 with six. Jackie Waddle won the

50/50 and Pat Uhlenhake won the least number of games. Please join us at the Senior Center on Thursday evening promptly at 6 o'clock for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Players are to bring a snack for

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This event offers a practical introduction to digital crafting and is a great opportunity to see the Cricut's capabilities firsthand for various DIY projects.

## P.E.O. Chapter Y met 12/8

P.E.O. Chapter Y members met December 8, 2025 at the festively decorated home of hostess Donna Benjamin to celebrate their Christmas social. Co-hostesses for the event were Rita Boydston, Stacy Gwin, Becky Solander and Deanna Wolken.

The members enjoyed a delicious catered dinner. Following the meal, a fashionably dressed elf visited the group and delivered beautifully wrapped, small gifts to everyone in attendance. The next P.E.O. meeting will be January 19, 2026 at the home of hostess Becky Solander. Jessica Klein will be serving as co-hostess.



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# Kansas farmers need relief from the fertilizer duties still driving up costs

By: State Rep. Samantha Parshall

Growing up in Kansas, you learn early that agriculture is not a job. It is a life. You depend on the things you cannot control, like the weather and global markets, and you do your best to manage the things you can. But in recent years, even the areas where farmers usually have some control have been taken away by decisions made far from the fields. One of the most damaging examples is what many refer to as the Biden Farm Tax.

Back in 2021, the previous administration imposed countervailing duties on vital fertilizer imports, especially phosphate. These duties were meant to target foreign competitors, but that is not what happened on the ground.

What actually happened is that farmers here in Kansas have faced some of the steepest input prices we have ever seen. You cannot raise crops without fertilizer. You cannot grow strong wheat, sorghum, or corn if your soil does not have what it needs. When fertilizer doubles or even triples in cost, there is no way to absorb that hit without changing the way you farm or pushing those costs downstream.

The price per ton for the fertilizer we depend on has climbed to unprecedented levels. It is not just high, it is punishing. The Biden Farm Tax has increased Kansas phos-

phate fertilizer prices 34%, gutting farmers' corn/wheat margins 2-8% and messing with their planting. Kansas farmers are being forced to make impossible decisions on whether to cut applications, shift acreage, or plant less, simply hoping for the best. This is not the result of bad weather or a global shortage beyond our control. It is the direct outcome of a policy decision made in Washington that restricted our supply of affordable input. It is a government-imposed cost on one of the most essential parts of raising a crop. And even though the administration that imposed it has left office, the policy remains in effect, and its damage continues to ripple through rural communities. Kansas Ag is suffering, and it is causing statewide food costs to soar, CPI up 14.6%, from farm-to-table.

In that context, the Trump Administration's recent move to reduce the scope of reciprocal tariffs on certain agricultural products is a welcome step in the right direction. Rolling back unnecessary trade barriers that raise costs for farmers is smart policy, and this decision proves that Trump's Washington firmly stands behind Middle America. But while this action provides a meaningful first step, it does not fix the core problem that continues to hit farmers hardest. The only way to ensure long-

term affordability is to fully unwind the Biden-era countervailing duties on agricultural input products. The fertilizer duties are coming up for review in the spring of 2026, which means the next several months will determine whether farmers get relief or brace for even more seasons of unnecessary pressure. What people in Wichita or Kansas City might not see is how fast these costs spread beyond the farm gate. When the prices of fertilizer and input chemicals climb, farm margins tighten immediately. That means less spending with local businesses and fewer dollars circulating in rural towns. Most importantly, consumers across the nation feel the result in their grocery bills. High crop input prices directly translate into higher food prices. It does not matter if you shop at a national chain or a hometown market; when farmers pay more, families pay more.

Meanwhile, other countries like China and Brazil are gaining ground because our own policies are restricting access to products we need. Kansas producers compete on the world stage. We cannot afford to tie our own hands and then wonder why we are falling behind.

Kansas farmers are not alone in recognizing the harm this policy has caused. Farm groups across the country have raised concerns for years

about the strain these duties place on producers.

Most recently, Senator Chuck Grassley made a clear call for ending the Biden Farm Tax. Farmers in Kansas stand with him on that. It is encouraging to see a lawmaker speak plainly about how misguided this policy has been and how important it is to correct it.

Ending the Biden Farm Tax is not complicated. It does not require a maze of new programs or a long list of conditions. It requires one action: remove the countervailing duties on phosphate and other fertilizer imports that have distorted the market and driven up costs. Let farmers buy from trusted allies at competitive prices. Allow supply and competition to work again.

The duties are up for review next spring, and Congress and the current administration have an opportunity to provide relief before the next planting season. That means acting now, not waiting until farmers are already making decisions about what to plant and what to leave fallow. Kansas towns and Kansas families cannot keep absorbing the fallout.

*State Rep. Samantha Poetter Parshall represents Miami County and parts of southeast Kansas, where she champions conservative values and limited government.*



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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: P equals W

MO Z JNNCGHJ MC  
ZEENQMEBRQ ENMCQ PFGHFHJ  
PZRLMEB ONJPZJS NJ IZYL PZJS,  
MG YJNPC INGF PZQC.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

- Void: BASSY
- Giggle: HAGUL
- Against: SAVEER
- Lack: HATRED

TODAY'S WORD

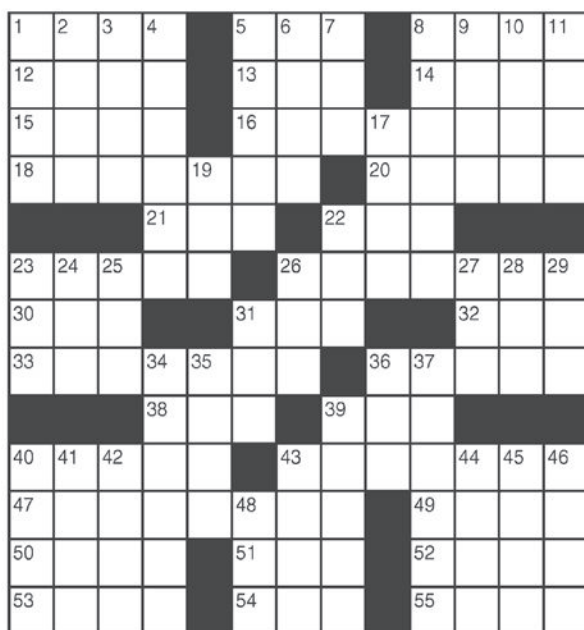


"I'll tell you what it needs ... a \_\_\_\_\_!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wax-coated cheese
- 5 Jug handle
- 8 Thinker Descartes
- 12 The Big Easy acronym
- 13 "No seats" sign
- 14 Squad
- 15 French perfume brand
- 16 Western topers
- 18 Treeless plains
- 20 Thoreau piece
- 21 Remiss
- 22 Boxing leg-end
- 23 Stupefies
- 26 Spy's asset
- 30 Compass dir.
- 31 Actress Tyler
- 32 Tic-tac-toe win
- 33 Sound systems
- 36 Ridicule
- 38 Last (Abbr.)
- 39 Airline to Sweden
- 40 Ballroom dance
- 43 First-rate Jane
- 47 Big name in pianos
- 49 Architect Saarinen



- 50 Memo
- 51 100%
- 52 Work on proofs
- 53 Hot tubs
- 54 Hwy.
- 55 Cushions
- 8 Moscow's land
- 9 Son of Seth
- 10 Pinta's companion
- 11 Online crafts site
- 17 Far (Pref.)
- 19 - de deux (Abbr.)
- 22 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 23 - Moines
- 24 Busy insect
- 25 Wye follower
- 26 Bro's sib
- 27 Singer Rawls
- 28 Heavy weight
- 29 Sizzling
- 31 Parking place
- 34 July birth-stones
- 35 Panache
- 36 Menlo Park monogram
- 37 In dreamland
- 39 Fashion
- 40 Taxpayer IDs
- 41 Perched on
- 42 Self-referential
- 43 Popcorn seasoning
- 44 Castor's mother
- 45 Desertlike
- 46 Decays
- 48 Series of battles

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: "The Simpsons" first appeared as a short on which TV show?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the distance between mainland Russia (Siberia) and mainland United States (Alaska)?
- GAMES: What is the highest score you can achieve in one frame of bowling?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god of the sea called?
- SCIENCE: What are the only letters that don't currently appear in the Periodic Table?
- MOVIES: Which animated movie's tagline is "Escape or die frying"?
- LITERATURE: The Republic of Gilead appears in which 1980s novel?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which spice is often praised for its anti-inflammatory properties?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In which country did Cirque du Soleil originate?
- LANGUAGE: What is glossolalia?

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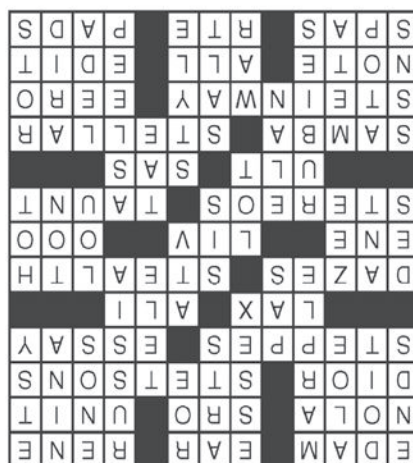
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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- Answers
- "The Tracey Ullman Show"
  - About 55 miles
  - 30
  - Neptune
  - J and Q
  - "Chicken Run"
  - "The Handmaid's Tale"
  - Turner
  - Canada
  - The ability to speak in a previously unknown language, also known as speaking in tongues

SCRAMBLERS

D	R	E	A	M
R	A	T	E	D
E	A	R	T	H
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip answer: If a rooster is annoyingly noisy whether walking forward or backward, it crows both ways.

# LOWRY...

FROM PAGE 4

embattled country handing over to Moscow strategically important territory that is still in Ukrainian hands; agreeing to a limit on the size of its military; and the U.S. taking currently frozen Russian assets in Europe to rebuild Ukraine (getting 50% of any profits) and to pursue joint investment projects with Russia.

Negotiations with the Ukrainians have reportedly produced a more reasonable version, but it is Washington and Moscow

that matter most here.

The analyst Robert Kagan famously wrote years ago that, in their divergent approaches to the world, "Americans are from Mars and Europeans are from Venus." Having long outsourced power politics to Mars, it turns out that Venus has limited influence even in her own backyard.

—Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

# FORUM...

FROM PAGE 4

Democrats' pure evil.

To the twit who replied in the Phone Forum that they hope this is to be Trump's last term. If you were familiar with the Constitution, you would know that a president can only serve two terms, and this is Trump's second term. Don't have to worry about him serving another one.

Why the obsession with the Grinch this year? At Walmart in Emporia, every cash register has a Grinch balloon flying over it. A Grinch walked in our Christmas parade. Don't you remember — he stole Christmas. The words describing him were "stink, stank, stunk." At least in the movie, he brings everything back. The model for the Grinch, Satan, won't bring anything back. His goal is to steal your joy, and in many cases, he is succeeding.

For the person who would like to find a church in last week's forum, you should try the Methodist Church at 2nd and Oak Street in Garnett.

# SHEFFIELD...

FROM PAGE 4

dal would be changing the funding structure and the way success is measured.

First, to better protect against fraud, states should be required to fund more of the welfare system themselves. Passing down dollars from the federal government to states creates a lack of accountability and makes it easier for fraud to occur. But this isn't the only change. After all, not all the money scammed away in Minnesota was federal funding.

Programs should also be funded based on whether they promote upward mobility, not based on the number of people they serve. Welfare reform in 1996 restructured the largest cash assistance program at the time, in part, by ending the structure of more money for larger welfare rolls.

Instead, states were provided a fixed funding stream and rewarded if they helped move people into work and off the rolls. The 1996 reform worked to decrease poverty, even

among some of the most vulnerable populations. More welfare programs should be designed like this.

Another option would be a "pay-for-outcomes" structure, where programs are funded when they meet an agreed upon outcome: increasing graduation rates, boosting employment, raising participants' income, etc. Rather than paying for inputs, a pay-for-outcomes model rewards a program after it proves itself.

These are just a few recommendations. But they would be a good start toward turning the broken welfare system into what it should be — a system that helps people improve their lives. These reforms would also help make sure that what happened in Minnesota never, ever happens again.

—Rachel Sheffield is a Research Fellow in The Heritage Foundation's Center for Health and Welfare Policy.

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## City of Garnett ordinance changing waterwater charges

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, December 18, 2025.)

### CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4286

On December 9, 2025, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4286 amending Chapter 15, Article 8, Section 15-804 (a) (3) of the Municipal Code (2023 Ed.) changing the formula for calculating the

sewer wastewater charge; and repealing existing code section.

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

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

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## City of Westphalia ordinance relating to changing charges on wastewater treatment works

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, December 18, 2025.)

### ORDINANCE NO. 208

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, KANSAS RELATING TO THE USER CHARGE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S TREATMENT WORKS; AMENDING ORDINANCE #177, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 AND ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #203, SECTION 1, CLASS I, CLASS 11, AND CLASS 111.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Westphalia, Kansas has determined that it is necessary to amend certain items of its Ordinances related to the City's public wastewater treatment works.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of Westphalia, Kansas that:

Section 1. Ordinance #177, Article IV, Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1: The following classes of users and charges to those users are hereby established:

CLASS I: Residential User: Single Family Contributors: Residential users which contribute no more than normal domestic strength wastewater. \$35.00/month per unit. \$26.60/month User Charge, and \$8.40/month Debt Redemption Charge.

CLASS II: Light Commercial/Institutional Users: Non-residential users which contribute less than or equal to normal domestic strength wastewater. \$35.00/month per unit. \$26.60 per month User Charge, and \$8.40/month Debt Redemption Charge.

CLASS III: Heavy Commercial/Institutional Users: Non-residential users which contribute greater than normal domestic strength wastewater. \$35.00/month per unit. \$26.60/month User Charge, and \$8.40/month Debt Redemption Charge.

CLASS IV: Inactive-Users: Users as defined in Article II, Section 5, whose units are Inactive. \$8.40/month Debt Redemption Charge.

Section 2. A late penalty of \$5.00 of the user charge bill will be added to each delinquent bill for each thirty days of delinquency.

Section 3. Ordinance #203, Section I (which previously amended Ordinance No. 177, Article IV, Section 1) is hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of that provision shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Force and Effect: This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026 and be in force upon passage, approval, and publication one time in the Anderson County Review.

Passed by the Westphalia City Council and approved by Mayor Dieker, this 9th day of December, 2025.

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Core qualifications include experience working with caregivers, older adults and community service agencies. High school diploma or some college, bachelor degree preferred. Must have valid KS driver's license and pass a background check.

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# REGS...

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on project size, setbacks from residences could range up to 1,000 feet, while a minimum 2,500-foot separation would be required between solar facilities.

Projects would also be required to install vegetative buffers, including multiple rows of trees or shrubs where existing vegetation is insufficient, to screen installations from roads and neighboring properties.

Developers would be required to reseed disturbed land with native grasses and flowers and maintain that ground cover for the life of the project. Tree removal would be minimized, and detailed studies of wildlife, wetlands, floodplains, and other sensitive areas would be required as part of the permitting process.

The ordinance also places strict limits on toxic materials used in solar panels. Panels containing

materials such as lead or cadmium would generally be prohibited unless a special exemption is granted. Projects using such materials would be subject to additional safety planning and warning signage.

Battery energy storage systems would face separate safety standards, including minimum distance requirements from residences, fencing, fire-prevention measures, and emergency signage.

Solar developers would be required to enter into road maintenance agreements with Anderson County, assuming responsibility for repairing any damage to county roads, bridges, or rights-of-way caused during construction or decommissioning. Construction traffic routes, hours, dust control, lighting, and fencing would also be subject to county approval.

Applicants would be responsible for all costs associated with county review, including the use of

outside engineers or consultants, regardless of whether a permit is approved or denied.

Each project would also be required to post a financial bond equal to at least 110 percent of the estimated decommissioning cost, ensuring funds are available to remove the facility and restore the land if the project is abandoned or ceases operation.

The ordinance requires solar projects to be fully decommissioned within six months of ceasing operations. If a developer fails to do so, the county would have the authority to use the posted bond to remove the facility.

Special use permits would not be transferable without prior approval from county commissioners, limiting speculative resale of permitted projects.

County commissioners are expected to take up discussion of the zoning board recommendation in coming weeks.

# CODERED...

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them, they have to build it out, then they have to send it – if it's a time crunch..."

The county pays \$15,000 annually for its subscription to CodeRED, Burkhart said, but she planned to investigate the county's possible participation in a competing system called Everbridge, which was contracted on a regional basis and used by a number of counties in eastern Kansas. She said Everbridge had a number of features not used in CodeRED, but the downside was that county residents who had already subscribed to CodeRED years ago would have to re-subscribe to sign up with the new Everbridge system.

"It's something that I wanted to investigate further," Burkhart said.

The CodeRED emergency notification system was contracted in Anderson County some two decades ago and was originally developed and operated by OnSolve, a Florida-based company whose corporate headquarters were in Ormond Beach. CodeRED itself was created in the early 2000s and grew rapidly from that Florida base as counties and cities nationwide adopted "reverse 911"-style alerting systems that used that 911 functionality to send messages to anyone who's phone was programmed into the system.

Online computer sites said CodeRED was the subject of a ransomware attack in which hackers access a secure system then scuttle it unless the owners pay a ransom to make it operational again.

A cybercriminal group, reportedly the INC Ransom gang, claimed responsibility for the attack, which compromised the CodeRED environment and stole subscriber data such as names, addresses, emails, phone numbers, and account passwords, according to the

Goshen, Maryland, municipal website which was a contractee of CodeRED.

The attack damaged the legacy CodeRED system to the point that the company determined it could not safely keep that environment operational. As a result, industry press reports say the platform was decommissioned permanently, with Crisis24 announcing the shutdown of the legacy CodeRED system and a transition of customers to a new, separate platform (referred to as CodeRED by Crisis24).

The report said many municipalities temporarily lost the ability to send CodeRED alerts, forcing them to use alternative channels such as local media, social media, email lists, or FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for emergencies. Some local authorities terminated their contracts with the service due to concerns over security and data protection. Users were warned to change passwords if they had reused them elsewhere, due to the potential exposure of clear-text credentials.

Everbridge is a mass notification and critical event management system used nationwide by county emergency managers, cities, universities, hospitals and large organizations. According to the company, Everbridge is used by thousands of public-sector agencies in the United States to deliver time-sensitive alerts during severe weather, evacuations, hazardous materials incidents, missing-person cases and major infrastructure disruptions (Everbridge Inc.).

### How Everbridge Works

Everbridge allows emergency officials to send alerts simultaneously through multiple channels, including text messages, automated phone calls, email, mobile app notifications and social media feeds, according to product descriptions published by Everbridge.

A key feature is geographic information system (GIS) targeting, which enables emergency managers to notify only those residents within a defined area — such as a tornado warning polygon issued by the National Weather Service — rather than an entire county.

Everbridge also integrates with FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), which includes Wireless Emergency Alerts sent to cell phones and Emergency Alert System messages broadcast through radio and television, according to FEMA documentation on IPAWS.

Everbridge is widely used throughout eastern and northeastern Kansas, including counties such as Franklin, Miami, Johnson, Douglas, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Jefferson and Lyon, based on county emergency management public notices and enrollment pages.

Many counties surrounding Anderson County already rely on Everbridge as their primary public alert system, particularly for severe weather and public safety incidents. Kansas emergency managers have cited the system's reliability and ability to handle high message volumes during tornado outbreaks as key advantages.

Emergency management officials nationwide have emphasized cybersecurity, system resilience and scalability as critical factors when selecting alert systems, especially as cyberattacks increasingly target public infrastructure.

Burkhart told commissioners she'd report back as soon as she had more information.

# KOBACH...

FROM PAGE 1

Meanwhile, the California parents of a 16-year-old are suing OpenAI's ChatGPT for chatbot conversations they allege smoothed the way for his suicide in April.

"We're seeing a very concerning trend where Big Tech releases AI products without meaningful safeguards," Kobach says in the press release.

"With each iteration of their AI, Big Tech offers vague promises about product safety and parental controls only to blame the child, parent, or consumer when faced with AI's real-life harms. My team and I are watching, and we are demanding more of Big Tech than its usual buzz words."

Kobach's letter, the release reads, "highlights a recent case in Topeka where a sexual predator used AI to generate thousands of images depicting child sexual abuse material."

It also notes the national reports in which "AI encouraged teen suicide, validated self-harm as feeling good, and promoted sexualized interactions with minors."

"When some AI platforms are marketing themselves with slogans like 'AI girls never say no,' we've got a serious, despicable problem," Kobach says in the press release. "That's not a glitch in AI. It's a failure of corporate accountability."

Kobach's letter – sent to 13 AI purveyors, including Microsoft, Meta Apple and OpenAI – demands answers by Jan. 30 as to "how companies can ensure user safety, prevent illicit conduct, and comply with Kansas's age verification law."

"To the extent you have misrepresented or exaggerated the safety of your AI products or pro-

vided harmful material to minors, you may have to answer for it in Kansas," Kobach warns.



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