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Garnett Goo deemed no threat; still unidentified

EPA to clean goo from cars through Friday, as officials hunt for answers

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A week after a commercial truck apparently dumped an unknown chemical down more than a mile of Garnett roadway, county emergency and US Environmental Protection Agency staff say they are no closer to identifying either the substance or the truck that dumped it.

Anderson County Emergency Management director Sarah Burkhart told county commissioners on Monday the substance and its source still has not been identified since the New Year's Eve spill, but that an EPA clean-up of the material and more than 100 drivers' vehicles which drove through the liquid was underway. Witnesses said the incident happened about 6 p.m. Dec. 31.

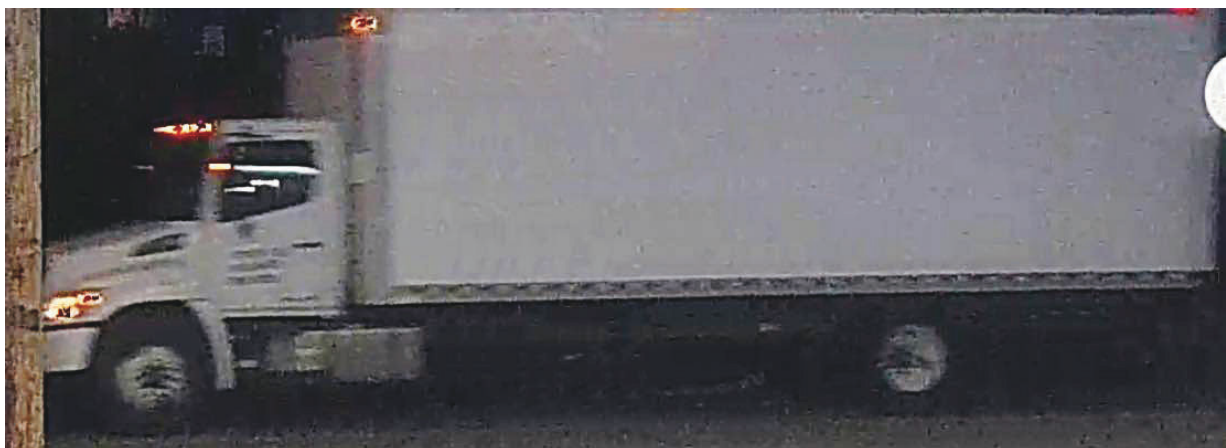
"The surprising thing to me has been that the people who I thought could give us some answers have been unable to do so," Burkhart said. She said she was told regarding an analysis of the chemical compound that "this isn't CSI - it's going to take longer."

The incident lit up local social media just minutes after it occurred at the intersection of

Park Road, Kansas Highway 31 and US 59. Witnesses said they heard a noise from the southbound truck when it pulled away from the stoplight heading south on Maple, draining the mystery liquid from the base of its cargo door behind it as it went. Numerous vehicles following the truck and driving down the section of roadway ran through the material and many reported a drying resin on the exterior of their cars where the tires splashed it onto the paint.

Responding EPA officials later determined the material was soluble with a half and half mixture of vinegar and water and then washing the surface with a couple of repetitions. EPA had a free clean-up station at the Bulldog Automatic Carwash on Maple for affected vehicles. A local stream advisory was enacted although it was unclear whether the compound was toxic. Still, officials urged people not to come into bare skin contact with the substance. The incident brought new focus on the topic of substances of varying public risk.

Video surveillance from some area businesses captured images of the truck, but its markings were not legible and no clear view of the license plate



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was captured. The box truck continued down Maple street, turned east on 6th and then South on 169 Highway.

Burkhart told county commis-

sioners lab tests had determined only that the clear liquid had a pH or alkaline measurement of 14 - the highest on the alkaline scale. A review of chemical compounds

with that coloring, pH measurement and also soluble with vinegar and water suggested sodium hydroxide content, according to

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Feds, state oversee, but counties usually on front line of mess like this

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - When tanker trucks and chemical haulers roll through small Midwestern towns like those in Anderson County, many residents assume someone, somewhere, is keeping track of the dangers inside. The rules do exist - and they are strict - but they rely heavily on federal oversight and local preparedness that varies

widely from county to county.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's hazardous-materials transportation system is governed by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, a federal law that gives DOT the authority to regulate every aspect of how dangerous substances are packaged, marked and moved. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

writes the specific Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), which sets the rules for classification, packaging, placarding and emergency information.

Enforcement on the nation's roadways, however, falls to a different arm of the department. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

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Man faces arson, explosives charges in June incident

Police say McSwane lit device to set porch afire where romantic rival lived

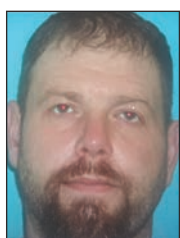
BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Lawyers and court officers have scheduled a competency hearing later this month for a Garnett man accused of felony arson and explosive charges in an apparent spurned romance incident that happened in June of 2025.

Maracas McSwane, 39 of Osawaotomie, faces felony charges of aggravated arson and criminal use of explosives in addition to a misdemeanor criminal damage to property charge. He was arrested November 24, 2025, after the June 24 incident.

A probable cause affidavit sworn by Garnett police to base the arrest warrant says investigators were given testimony during two witness interviews, both subjects providing information that McSwane told them he lit a gasoline explosive device - a Molotov cocktail - in a bottle and placed it on the porch of a residence in the 400 block of Spruce Street in Garnett. Homeowners Jennifer and Donn Sanders reported a fire on the porch of that location on June 24, which was investigated by GPD.

Officer Todd Turner's affidavit says the Sanders said the incident occurred around 1:45 a.m. and that they were the only ones at home at the time, but that Jeffery Kimbrough lived at the residence most of the time. Turner said the explosive appeared to have been



McSwane

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Weekend meeting may determine future of Cornstock

High costs of outdoor shows hitting post-Covid music industry nationwide, analysts say

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Board members of the Anderson County Corn Festival were expected to meet this weekend to determine whether the festival and its fall country music concert will continue into 2026.

A statement on the Cornstock website alludes to the possibility that the 2025 event may have been the last while the organization takes a reflective "pause."

"After 20 years of bringing quality entertainment to Anderson County on the fourth weekend in September, the Anderson County Corn Festival Board of Directors voted to take a pause in order to reflect and explore how to better serve the community." The statement reads. "The Board is using this time to thoughtfully reimagine the event's future. Our goal is to recapture the excitement and community spirit that

defined our early years—while ensuring that sponsors, vendors, and visitors continue to have a rewarding and enjoyable experience in the years ahead."

Organizers haven't publicly released attendance figures from the 2025 event, but a statement from founding Cornstock board member Susan Wettstein outlined the struggles the event has faced.

"It was not a normal Cornstock year for us," Wettstein told the Review in October. "Entertainment is expensive. Stages, production and logistics are expensive. People are not wanting to buy tickets if we don't get just the right acts. Booking entertainment is very competitive and complex. Some local business support is lacking. So it makes anyone wonder not just this year but every year- do we do it again?"

The event was hit hard particularly after



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The Kentucky Headhunters entertain the 2025 Cornstock crowd. Industry watchers say high costs are threatening outdoor performances across the country.

a weather cancellation in 2019 and two years of Covid cancellations in 2020 and 2021. But reports from across the music industry show outdoor music festivals are getting harder and harder for sponsoring organizations to pay for, particularly since Covid's impact on the economy.

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Bi-partisan bill would ban student cell phones in Kansas schools

Studies show classes without phones have more engaged students

BY PATRICK RICHARDSON THE SENTINEL

TOPEKA - Two Kansas Senate leaders introduced bipartisan legislation on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, to prohibit students from using a cell phone in school.

According to a press release, Senate Bill 302 - the text of which is not yet available - will prohibit cell phones in K-12 Kansas schools.

"Phone-free schools give students space to think, build authentic human relationships, and protect student mental health from constant digital pressure," Senate Majority

Leader Chase Blasi (R-Andale) said. "The longer phones stay in classrooms, the harder it becomes to undo the damage."

Senate Minority Leader Dina Sykes (D-Lenexa) agreed.

"Studies show that classrooms without phones have more engaged students leading to face-to-face conversations, stronger peer relationships, safer school environments and better academic outcomes," she said. "Kansas has world class teachers and world class schools and we need to keep it that way and this legislation helps us do that."

According to the release, SB 302 is a "high priority of lawmakers," and is "expected to pass the Senate in January, where it will be sent to the House of Representatives."

More than two-thirds of the Kansas Senate - 28 members -

have signed on to the bill, and it is expected to impact both public and private schools accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education.

More than 30 states and Washington DC already ban cell phone use.

As the Sentinel reported late last year, a survey in Education Week lists the efforts in 31 states and the District of Columbia to either restrict or outright ban cell phone use in schools, in an effort to improve student achievement, classroom discipline and teacher satisfaction.

But is the regulation of electronic devices effective in achieving those goals?

An ambitious research study, "Phones in Focus" plans to survey 100,000 educators by the end



of the school year. The non-partisan effort, supported by the National Governors Association and led by University of Pennsylvania professor Angela Duckworth, is about 20% toward its goal. Some preliminary findings:

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PET REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 1

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

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

VFW BREAKFAST

VFW Post 6397 will have breakfast Sunday, January 18, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 29, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 29, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented fuel and oil bids for 2026. Bids were from MFA Oil and Leroy Co-Op. Fuel bids by the gallon were: LeRoy Coop bid grader/shop diesel \$2.24, shop clear diesel \$2.74, shop gasoline \$2.32, Landfill/Shop off-road \$2.24, DEF \$2.88; MFA Oil Co bid all products at cost plus .20; DEF \$1.85. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase fuel from LeRoy Coop and DEF product from MFA Oil. All voted yes. Oil bids by the gallon were submitted from MFA Oil only: 15W-40 \$8.78, Work Horse X-TRA Guard UTF \$12.00, Hydraulic AW 1S0 32 \$5.25, SAE 30 \$11.41, Total Use Grease \$4.13/tube, HD Moly 5% \$4.85/tube. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase oil and grease from MFA Oil Co. All voted yes. Ethan presented bids for the biannual bridge inspections in 2026. Bids were from Cook, Flatt, and Strobel and Schwab Eaton. Cook, Flatt, and Strobel bid \$16,836 and Schwab Eaton bid \$37,510. The commissioners tabled the decision to hire a firm until a representative from Cook, Flatt, and Strobel was present to discuss the bridge that is now closed due to inefficient rating

and needing repair. They had done bridge inspections in the past.

Zoning

Tom Young, Zoning Director, met with the commission. He presented an updated schedule of fees for the Planning & Zoning Department. The fees are more in line with surrounding counties. A copy of the schedule can be obtained at the road & bridge department and will be available on the county website. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve the new schedule of fees for Planning & Zoning effective January 1st, 2026. All voted yes.

He presented a zoning regulation change. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2025-30 approving solar energy conversion systems to the Anderson County zoning regulations, Article 25, solar energy conversion systems, section 25-1 through section 26-13. All voted yes. Discussion was held on the special use permit for Milton Yoder who would like to set up a solar-powered cryptocurrency mining operation in a agriculture district. The commissioners have additional questions regarding a fire suppression system, disposal of batteries when obsolete, and land zoning. The application was not signed.

Audit

Rodney Burns, Auditor, met with the commission. He reviewed the 2024 Anderson County audit with the Commissioners. The county had one audit adjustment that needed to be made. The documents were sent to the State of Kansas for filing. He presented contracts for the 2027 budget preparation for \$1,400 and 2025 audit for \$17,300. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to hire Rodney Burns CPA

to prepare the 2027 budget for \$1,400 and the 2025 audit for \$17,300. All voted yes.

Rural Fire

Cruz Gillespie, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. Eric Rockers and Randy Bunnel from the Welda Fire station were present as well. The Welda fire station would like to add a large rectangle floor drain to catch water from all three bays. The station received 2 bids yet only 1 bid met the specifications. The bid was from Bill Lickteig for the installation of the drain as well as the haul away of materials for \$10,505. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to hire Bill Lickteig to install a new floor drain in the Welda Fire Station for \$10,505 to be paid out of the Rural Fire fund. All voted yes. Cruz presented bids for a new truck. The bids were from Superior Emergency Response Vehicle for a 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD for \$74,594.50 and from ESU Pursuits Fire Division for a 2025 Ram 2500 for \$79,279. Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase a 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 from Superior Emergency Response Vehicle for \$74,594.50 to be paid out of the Rural Fire fund. All voted yes. Cruz received a quote for a 2008 Chevy Duramax for \$23,500 from Michael Blaufuss. The truck will be housed at the Harris fire station. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to purchase a 2008 Chevy Duramax from Michael Blaufuss for \$23,500 to be paid out of the Rural Fire fund. Commissioner Blaufuss abstained from the vote. Commissioner Mersman and Commissioner McGhee voted yes.

Law Enforcement Center

Sarah Burkhardt, Emergency Management Director; Wes McClain, Sheriff; and Alex Cochrane, Undersheriff met with

the commission. Discussion was held on the law enforcement center and housing Emergency Management there. It was a consensus that the department would remain in the building as the emergency operations center is there. Sarah will send an email to all department heads to get a google calendar set up for the meeting room so no overlapping trainings and meetings happen.

ACDA Board

Commissioner Blaufuss moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to appoint Buddy Rowlett to the Anderson County Development Agency board effective immediately. All voted yes.

Adjourn

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

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS

M Brandt Miller and Andrea G Miller to Kelly Michael Miller and Kathleen Kay Miller: Ne4 13-22-19 less 1 acre for school purposes & less: N2 nw4 nne4 & n2 s2 nw4 ne4 all in 13-22-19.

Amie Lohmeyer and Jeffery Lohmeyer to Caldwell Farms Inc: All of n2 ne4 9-20-18.

Kylie Baxter and Brock Baxter to Caldwell Farms Inc: All of n2 ne4 9-20-18.

Ryan Haskins and Cailyn Haskins to Caldwell Farms Inc: All of n2 ne4 9-20-18.

Hollie Haskins and Jason Cooley: All of n2 ne4 9-20-18.

Linda S Carson and Greg S Carson to Caldwell Farms Inc: All of n2 ne4 9-20-18.

Kenneth S Wellesley to Kenneth S Wellesley and Sahara Barker-Wellesley: Beg at necor 3-23-21, thence west 450', thence south 968', thence east 450', thence north 968' to pob.

Phillip W Smith and Philip W Smith A/K/A to Jonathan Noah Gordon and Heidi Noel Gordon: A tract of land located in w2 ne4 16-23-20 described as follows: com at nwcor ne4 said section; thence s89°35'57"e on north line of said ne4 to pob a distance of 335.09 feet; thence s00°33'22" w to south line of said ne4 a distance of 2643.16 feet; thence s89°34'53"e on south line of said ne4 to secor w2 said ne4 a distance of 988.78 feet; thence n00°33'22"e on east line of said w2 ne4 said w2 a distance of 2643.47 feet; thence n89°35'57" w on north line of ne4 said section to pob a distance of 988.78 feet.

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Jarod R Rockers to John E Lutz III, Trustee, Jeanette L

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STANTON

SEPTEMBER 24, 1944 — JANUARY 4, 2026

David Lee Stanton, age 81, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at Guest Home Estates in Garnett.



Stanton

Dave was born on September 24, 1944, in Burlington, Kansas, the son of Bruce and Emma (McCullough) Stanton. He attended Emporia High School, graduating with the Class of 1963. Following school, Dave lived in Emporia and worked as a delivery driver for the Schlitz beer truck. It was during these years that Dave began umpiring fast-pitch softball games in the Emporia area, a hobby that kept him active in the local sports scene. In 1969, Dave's best friend, Joe, introduced him to a waitress at the Emporia Eagle's Club named Susan McDonald.

Dave and Susan were united in marriage on June 30, 1972, in Garnett, Kansas. This union was blessed with two children, Carrie and Tony. After moving to Garnett, Dave started Stanton Tire Repair. Specializing in farm tires, the job allowed him to travel the countryside, where he was known for "scouting" the area to find all the best farm ponds to fish in. Throughout his working years, Dave also spent time at Shore Tire in Ottawa, Deep Rock Appliance, the Co-Op, and Stanton Tire and Service. He eventually worked for Rooney Trucking hauling mail until his retirement in 2015.

Dave was a larger than life character with a heart of gold. He truly loved being around people and was often the center of attention, always ready with a well-timed joke. He had a natural gift for connecting with children, and he loved his time spent as a youth coach, organizing fishing tournaments, fixing bicycle tires for free and serving as a janitor at St. Rose Catholic School. For many years, he brought a special magic to Garnett by stepping into the role of Santa Claus.

Dave cherished family trips to Table Rock, Beaver Lake, and numerous local lakes with the McDonald family. These outings were filled with boating, camping, and endless memories made on the water. He spent hours driving the boat so the children could water ski and tube. Dave was also famously the leader of "snipe hunts" during their camping trips. On these excursions, he was affectionately known to everyone by his lake persona, "Vern".

Sports played a significant role in Dave's life. He played catcher for the Harris men's fast pitch softball team. He spent over forty years as a fixture on the diamond, umpiring countless baseball and softball games. On a summer evening you may still hear the baseball fields echo one of the greatest strike calls

of all time. Even after hanging up his umpire mask, Dave's love for the game remained, and he could frequently be found in his truck watching the Legion ball games. He was especially proud to get to watch his grandsons play sports. He was a supportive grandfather, always instilling confidence in them and complementing them on their endeavors.

He was a man of faith and community, serving as a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church and was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. As a longtime member of the Optimist Club, he cooked countless "Opti-Burgers." Dave's hobbies were as varied as his talents; he found peace in the intricate art of making stained glass to give to family and sell to friends. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting quail, pheasant, rabbit and squirrel. He was also an opportunistic fisherman who never passed a farm pond that looked fishable, and he always relished a meal made from the day's catch. Above all else, Dave's greatest joys were found in the simple pleasures of life: playing cards, bowling, spending time with his family, and sharing a dance with his beloved Susan.

Lottery and scratcher tickets were a fixture in Dave's life. He played faithfully and employed the strategy that he developed with Dwyane Foltz to increase their odds in hitting the Powerball, unfortunately they never cracked the code to win the big one. In his retirement years, Dave may have set the unofficial record for miles spent traveling around the north lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Emma Stanton; three brothers and one sister, Vernon, Roy, Connie Baker, and Billy Stanton.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Stanton, of the home; his children, Carrie Stanton and David Head and Tony and Kaylene Stanton; three grandsons, who lovingly called him Papa Dave, Will, Hudson, and Hank; sister, Robin Jones and Jack; brother in law, Kenny Baker; and several nieces and nephews as well as a host of family and friends who will miss his humor and heart.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett. Burial will follow in the Holy Angels Cemetery in Garnett. Dave's family will greet friends on Friday evening from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett. Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Muddogs Baseball. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

Colony Christian Church I Wonder! - "What is Your Life?"

Colony Christian Church started the new year off with a pizza and planning meeting on New Year's Day.

For the regular service Sunday Lexy Langworthy and Ashley Riebel led worship singing "What He's Done," "Jesus Messiah" and "My King Forever."

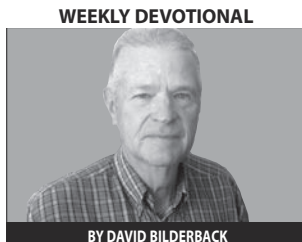
Kristen Boone exhorted everyone to use the strength of the Lord and to become a more mature Christian in 2026.

Forgiveness was the message of Darren McGhee's communion meditation. Forgiveness was one of the

things Jesus commanded us to do. To receive His mercy you must imitate His mercy. One who is forgiven much loves much.

Pastor Chase Riebel's sermon "What is Your Life?" was from James 4:13-17. Every individual that God creates is a masterpiece. Our life is to be a living sacrifice that is poured out daily in service to the Lord. In John 15:5 Jesus says "without Me you can do nothing." Our attitude when making plans should always be prefaced with "if the Lord wills."

Naaman was the commander of the army of the king of Aram. Aram was in an area considered to be Syria or Mesopotamia. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because thru him the LORD had given victory to Aram. However, Naaman had leprosy. A raiding party from Aram had taken a captive young girl from Israel and she served Naaman's wife. The girl told her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." (2 Kings 5:3) Sp Naaman went to the king who agreed for him to go see the prophet, taking with him silver, gold and clothing as well as a letter from the king. So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha the prophet. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go wash yourself seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed. Naaman went away angry because he felt like something greater should be required directly from Elisha's God. He also did not want to wash himself in the waters of Israel, preferring to wash in the rivers in Damascus. So Naaman went off in a rage. However his servant, who he trusted, presented his sit-



WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

BY DAVID BILDERBACK

uation. "If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then when he tells you, "wash and be cleansed!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean.

Many of us live our lives like Naaman. God provided the captive girl, the prophet, the river and Naaman's servants. It took all of that to save Naaman. Had Naaman walked away he would have been a leper for life. Have you ever been in a situation that requires you to commit to something? Your time will come. Will you obey God or run back to the situation that brought you to God in the first place. I wonder? Your choice will have eternal consequences.

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

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to a chatgpt.com analysis of those characteristics. Similar compounds are common in industrial cleaners and drain-cleaning solutions, or potassium hydroxide, also used in liquid soaps and spe-

cialty cleaners. As of mid-week no reports had been made of missing cargo from regional shippers that might give a clue to the incident.

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Maduro: Welcome to America First

REVIEW COMMENTARY



DANE HICKS, REVIEW PUBLISHER

Trump's decision ends that failed pattern. It treats Maduro not as a distant irritant but as a direct threat to American national security.

Critics will claim this is "interventionism," yet they ignore Maduro's interference with the United States. His regime has been tied to cocaine flows into U.S. cities, alliances with hostile foreign actors, destabilization of neighboring countries, and the refugee waves that strain border security. When a foreign leader fuels criminal enterprises that harm American communities, decisive action is well within presidential authority, both legal and moral.

This moment demonstrates what America First means in practice. It is a doctrine that places the security of Americans above the sensitivities of international observers who have long proven unwilling or unable to confront hemispheric threats. Trump made clear the United States—not feckless regional blocs or the United Nations, will defend U.S. sovereignty and enforce its laws.

The arrest and extradition of Maduro marks a turning point in modern foreign policy. It restores deterrence and signals to cartels, corrupt regimes, and transnational criminal networks that the United States will no longer tolerate stra-

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First, I hope y'all have a blessed day. And I'm just curious about this. Walt Disney, he wanted to make the theme park in Kansas. Well, guess where he went to, and guess what? Nobody knows that. Now, they're saying the Kansas City Chiefs want to move here. In Wyandotte County, I guess. They can't take Kansas City name with them. They'll just be the Chiefs. Has anybody realized that? Yeah.

Hey conspiracy folks. How about this stuff this truck dumped all over the highway in Garnett? I bet it was some secret formu-

la from Hanger 51. Are you telling me all the cameras everybody's got pointed every direction nowadays and nothing picked it up? Not buying that. I bet it had something to do with January 6. Something to think about. Happy New Year.

I don't know why women wear choke collars around their necks.

I was reading an Ernest Hemmingway quote, and I'd like to put it in the paper today. Before you react, think; before you spend, earn; before you criticize, wait; and before you quit; try. Happy New Year.

The new year marks 12 months during which our country has suffered from a political plague. Hopefully, we can endure for three more years until the next election that will provide a cure.

Happy New Year. Trump starts another war. Bless you all.

In minutes, American Socialists sprang to action for Maduro

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



ASRA NOMANI, THE FEDERALIST

BreakThrough News, a socialist propaganda arm of the network, published some of the first video from the U.S. military strikes, blasting the Trump administration for waging an "illegal bombing campaign of Caracas," the capital of Venezuela. It was a talking point that was going to stick.

Ten minutes later, at 1:45 a.m., one of the key leaders of this network, Manolo De Los Santos, executive director at The People's Forum, a proudly socialist 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in New York City, echoed the narrative on social media of an "illegal bombing."

Less than an hour later, at 2:29 a.m., the ANSWER Coalition, a nonprofit co-founded by a proud Marxist, Brian Becker, published a red siren alert on the social media platform X with a slick new poster, calling supporters to the streets in Times Square for a protest Saturday

to support Maduro.

"NO WAR ON VENEZUELA! STOP THE BOMBINGS," the poster screamed, on brand.

Minutes later, at 2:34 a.m., The People's Forum shared the call-to-action, screaming: "EMERGENCY PROTEST"

Congressional lawmakers are already investigating this socialist network for its ties to Neville Roy Singham, a United States-born technology executive who relocated to Shanghai after selling his software firm and starting work that critics say is aligned closely with interests of the Chinese Communist Party. Singham didn't respond to a request for comment. By 3:21 a.m., Vijay Prasad, director of Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, a research institute chaired by Singham that examines issues through the lens of "national liberation Marxism," posted a message, denouncing the military action, declaring, "Down with US imperialism."

Within a few hours, at 6:09 a.m., CodePink, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by Singham's wife, Jodie Evans, condemned the "terrorist United States..." From a military intelligence perspective, experts say the overnight sequence bears the hallmarks of a pre-positioned influence network executing a rapid-response operation. The synchronization of messaging, the staggered release of

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No, the USS Liberty incident wasn't Israeli treachery

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

withdraw about 100 miles from the front were delayed in a communications tangle.

That morning, an ammunition dump ignited in the coastal city of El-Arish in the Sinai, and the Israelis (wrongly) believed the location had been shelled by Egyptian ships. The Israeli navy spotted the Liberty heading toward Egypt and (wrongly) concluded it had been one of the attackers. Two Israel Mirage jets saw no identifying markings on the Liberty (a later U.S. inquiry speculated that the flag might not have been visible for lack of wind) and strafed the ship. More Israeli jets napalmed the Liberty.

The absence of return fire puzzled the Israelis, who paused to ensure they weren't hitting an Israeli vessel. Assured it wasn't one of their own, they renewed

the assault.

Still uneasy, they looked for identifying markers again. They saw no flag, but made out Latin, not Arabic, letters on the hull. That strongly suggested the vessel wasn't Egyptian.

Yet, a squadron of Israeli torpedo boats determined that the Liberty's silhouette matched an Egyptian supply ship. A request for identification from the Liberty received no affirmative reply.

The Liberty's captain ordered his men not to shoot at the torpedo boats, but one gunner briefly fired and there were further discharges from exploding ammunition. Believing they were taking incoming from an Egyptian ship, the torpedo boats requested permission to fire and got reluctant assent. A torpedo slammed into the Liberty, blowing a hole 24 feet tall by 39 feet wide and killing more than two dozen sailors.

Eventually, an Israeli torpedo boat picked up a raft from the Liberty with U.S. naval markings and the Israelis realized their tragic error. They apologized instantly to U.S. naval attaché Ernest Carl Castle, and an Israeli helicopter attempted to take him out to the Liberty (the effort was foiled by darkness). The Israeli torpedo boats offered assistance to the Liberty, which was rebuffed.

As Michael Oren points out in his

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For elements of the anti-Israel right, it's a time when everything old is becoming new again. So, a half-century-old theory that the Jewish state deliberately attacked the USS Liberty during the Six-Day War has renewed currency.

Conspiratorial-minded influencers hostile to Israel, like Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens, have promoted the notion, and it was a topic of discussion at the recent TPUSA conference. One speaker said that the official explanation "doesn't feel like it's good enough," and floated his own wild speculation (involving the complicity of LBJ).

The fact is that the devastating Israeli attack on the Liberty, killing 34 and wounding 171, was a woeful case of mistaken identification. The series of faulty judgments that led to the incident is so grievous that, taken altogether, it is, indeed, nearly incomprehensible. Yet, when operating with incomplete information in a shooting war, such accidents happen all the time. The Israelis apologized immediately upon realizing their ghastly mistake and offered restitution.

On June 8, 1967, the 6th Fleet was keeping its distance from the hostilities in the Six-Day War, fought between Israel and Egypt, Syria and Jordan. The USS Liberty, a spy ship, had come within 13 nautical miles of the Sinai coast, though. It requested a destroyer escort, which was denied, and orders to the Liberty to

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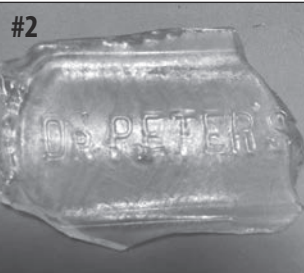
No. 2 - The side panel of an 1880's Dr. Peter's Blood Vitalizer medicine bottle. Some of these bottles were marked for women only. As a collectible this bottle today is worth \$39-40 dollars.

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Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

1886 - 140 years ago

January 8 - The public library in this city is now a fixed institution and constantly gaining in favor. On library day little girls and boys can be seen going to and from the library room with their week's reading.

January 9 - The last evening of the old year was celebrated in Garnett with four dances; but New Years Day passed off very quietly.

1896 - 130 years ago

January 10 - One John O'Connor was sent up from Colony Saturday night from Justice Carmichael's court on a six-month sentence to jail and a \$30 fine and costs for stealing bed clothes from the Endicott house.

January 10 - The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges held a public installation Tuesday evening, with a banquet after the evening exercises at Fashing's restaurant. There was a large attendance of members of the two lodges with their families and invited guests. They all had a happy and profitable entertainment.

1906 - 120 years ago

January 8 - The earthquake shocks that were felt yesterday in many parts

of Kansas and Missouri were also felt in this city shortly after 6 o'clock. Many supposed it was due to the blasting at the rock crusher, but such was not the case. The shock was also felt in Lincoln, Neb.



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1916 - 110 years ago

January 13 - The entertainment committee of the Socialist organization have decided on Friday night, January 21st, for their next entertainment. There will be a talk on "Preparedness" and a number of recitations and musical numbers. Light refreshments will be served. No charge and no collection. Come and enjoy the evening with us. The place is the room over the Peoples' Theatre.

1936 - 90 years ago

January 9 - The 200 block on West Fourth Avenue this week is mourning the loss of a loyal friend and public benefactor. Death came Monday to Bob; the stray brindle dog whose inborn qualities took him to the state legislature. Bob's beginnings were humble, but he was a born gentleman. Even in early age, sterling character was recognized by the late Noah L. Bownman, former state representative and member of the tax commission, who gave the promising youngster a start on his farm just southeast

Circa January 1996 - Sheriff David Vaughn poses with some of the more than 30 road signs which have been recovered since the formation and publicity of a reward fund to pursue those who steal or possess road signs.

of Garnett. The climax of Bob's career came when he invaded the cloakroom of the house of representatives to guard his master's overcoat. He performed his duty so well that he also kept the rest of the state's August lawmakers from getting their own wraps as well. He was death to "vamints." Once he routed wolves who invaded the farm. He sacrificed his right front paw to a mowing machine in a fearless attack on copperheads. The wounds he suffered in battle were treated in the best Topeka hospital. In his later years Bob devoted his energy to guarding homes in the vicinity of the residence where he served Mr. and Mrs. Bowman. Friends spoke in high praise of Bob's devotion and loyalty. Death, which came at the approximate age of ten, was ascribed to old age. Funeral services were private. Internment was at Bob's early home on the Bowman farm, with Dr. A. J. Turner officiating.

1946 - 80 years ago

January 10 - Boys and girls of Anderson County who are members or potential members of 4-H clubs will have an opportunity to obtain fine Hereford calves for entering in the Fair next fall. The Garnett Lions Club has subscribed to a fund to buy carload of choice Hereford steer calves, which will be made available either by outright purchase or by some financial agreement with the clubs so that they may own the calves.

2016 - 10 years ago

January 12 - Parents of Mont Ida students and USD 365 officials hope to learn this week what it might take to fix a broken heating system at the school and return 19 students to their regular classrooms. Depending on the solution, students could remain at nearby Westphalia Elementary for weeks or even months.

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content across aligned platforms and the immediate transition from online agitation to physical mobilization point to an ecosystem designed not for spontaneous protest, but for ideological warfare.

In this framework, experts say, the nonprofit leaders are foot soldiers in Maduro's war on the United States, acting as civilian operatives advancing the strategic interests of a foreign ideological project. Their role is not to fight with weapons, but to contest legitimacy, shape public perception, apply internal pressure on U.S. decision-making during moments of external conflict and further the cause of communism, experts say.

At the center of this domestic front is an international coordination structure known as the International Peoples' Assembly, which functions as an umbrella organization and political command-and-control hub linking communist parties, socialist movements, activist organizations and state-aligned media outlets worldwide.

One of its media arms, the People's Dispatch, has explicitly framed its mission as mobilizing global resistance against "American imperialism," including repeated calls to action on behalf of Venezuela. It lists Singham's Tricontinental as one of its "partners." The North America members of its "coordinating committee" include CodePink; the Popular Education Project, an initiative of The People's Forum; and the Party for Socialism and Liberation. Its Venezuelan member is a group called Francisco de Miranda Front, which works closely with its U.S. allies.

At 7:49 a.m., the International People's Assembly shared the poster for the "EMERGENCY DAY OF ACTION."

It quickly published a statement condemning the U.S. military action as reflective of the country's "increasingly militaristic and hyper-imperialist orientation" and calling on members to "resist this pursuit of hegemony by any means necessary."

The assembly operates in close alignment

with Tricontinental, the Singham organization that functions as an ideological production center, generating narratives, research and messaging disseminated through aligned media platforms and activated through street-level organizations. Singham's wife, Evans, sits on the International People's Assembly, tightening the operational loop between messaging, mobilization and leadership.

Experts say the ideological doctrine guiding this network is shaped in part by Prashad, who also serves as editor of People's Dispatch.

On the operational side, De Los Santos, executive director at The People's Forum, has emerged as a visible field organizer. He is listed as a researcher at Tricontinental and has repeatedly appeared at regime-aligned events in Venezuela, functioning as a liaison between the ideological center and street-level mobilization abroad and at home.

In 2003, Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Venezuelan leader Hugo Chávez backed a new group in Venezuela, the Francisco de Miranda Front, laying the groundwork for an international solidarity apparatus that joined the International People's Assembly, working with U.S. groups. That infrastructure matured over time into a durable support system for Maduro when he was elected president in 2013.

By March 2019, that relationship was well-entrenched when De Los Santos organized a pro-Maduro protest outside Venezuela's consulate in New York, physically denying opposition figures access to the building.

That month, the Party for Socialism and Liberation's Claudia De la Cruz jetted to Venezuela for a four-day conference of the International Peoples' Assembly in Caracas, urging socialists to "collectivize" their efforts to fight the "capitalist crisis" in the world, according to a video shared from the meeting with the hashtag #HandsOffVenezuela..

"Venezuela is the epicenter," she declared. "Venezuela is the personification of the anti-imperialist struggle."

The next month, The People's Forum hosted Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza during a talk in which he demanded the U.S. end sanctions on the country, according to an article in "Fight Back! News," a publication by members of the Freedom Road Socialist Organization. "The evening concluded with Arreaza thanking the crowd and urging people to keep fighting

In May 2019, when a coup attempt failed, De Los Santos appeared on teleSUR, the state-funded TV network in Caracas, saying he'd organized a press conference with religious leaders in New York City to "engage in the battle of ideas" against "imperialist aggression."

Two years later, in November 2021, Prashad and De Los Santos shared a photo with Maduro, all of them flashing a thumbs-up, with Prashad writing, "Elections in Venezuela today!" He noted that he stood with De Los Santos and Maduro, supporting "sovereignty against imperialism."

The next month, De Los Santos participated in a Caracas conference livestreamed on Maduro's X account, speaking at the 59-minute mark and holding up a manifesto, "Plan para salvar la humanidad," or "Plan to save humanity."

He returned to Caracas in April 2022 for the International Anti-Fascist Summit, posting a photo with Eugene Puryear, a senior figure in the Party for Socialism and Liberation, further reinforcing the operational linkage between U.S.-based activists and foreign political structures.

The pattern intensified the next year when De Los Santos and De la Cruz attended a conference sponsored by the Maduro government to explicitly preserve the ideological legacy of "Comandante Chávez," their term of reverence for Chávez.

In late April 2024, Maduro even recognized De Los Santos as he thanked attendees of a conference of the "Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America," established by Cuba and Venezuela in 2004 to unite communist economic interests.

This past fall, a wide

network that included the Communist Party USA, the All-African People's Revolutionary Party and the Struggle for Socialism Party supported an "urgent call for a week of coordinated protests" to support Maduro. Last month, the network took action again, organizing "NO WAR ON VENEZUELA" protests.

The newest overnight campaign to support Maduro will likely send foot soldiers into the streets to support Maduro and his wife during any trials they face, not just as an expression of protest but as a continued campaign of information warfare on the domestic front.

Experts say the network that spent decades legitimizing and defending communist regimes abroad and now functions as a rapid-response influence force inside the United States is a new threat matrix that amounts to something the FBI and intelligence agencies investigate as malign foreign influence.

Its members operate as ideological foot soldiers, advancing a foreign-aligned narrative during moments of conflict, seeking to fracture public consensus, delegitimize U.S. action and apply pressure from within.

By daylight Saturday morning, at 8:49 a.m., CodePink invoked a slogan used last year as a theme in anti-Trump protests, declaring, "HANDS OFF VENEZUELA," and issuing a statement dismissing criminal proceedings against Maduro as a "sham" prosecution.

By 8:57 a.m., the Democratic Socialists of America, which just saw its star politician, Zohran Mamdani, inaugurated as mayor of New York City, shared a message from U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a member of the organization, condemning the U.S. strike as "illegal."

At 10:29 a.m., Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, another member of the Democratic Socialists of America, chimed in, saying, "It's about oil and regime change."

On cue, at 1:06 p.m., Mamdani repeated the refrain established overnight by the socialist network that brought him to the mayor's office in New York City, blasting the U.S. for the "military capture" of Maduro, calling it an "act of war" and "blatant pursuit of regime change."

The talking points of politicians, activist groups and foot soldiers in the socialist, communist and Marxist network in the U.S. echoed the statements that the two strongest communist powers in the world expressed about their ally, Maduro. China issued a statement saying it opposed the "blatant use of force" by the U.S. in Venezuela. Russia called the news an "act of aggression" against Venezuela.

By afternoon, within 12 hours of first hearing about the military operation in Caracas, the pro-Maduro network started churning out fast clips of its information war on the Trump administration.

At 1:34 p.m., the social media team at the ANSWER Coalition posted a closely cropped video of protesters, holding the ANSWER Coalition's distinctive yellow-and-black signs and chanting in front of the White House, "Stop the war machine!" The Party for Socialism and Liberation immediately shared the video.

A little over an hour later, at 2:42 p.m., The People's Forum shared a video of Becker, the co-founder of the ANSWER Coalition, from Times Square in New York City, a camera filming him from behind, as he declared, "This is a capitalist war! It's a rich man's war! The kidnapping of Maduro is an imperialist war for a capitalist class!"

MS Now, the new name for MSNBC, reported from the Times Square protest and its reporter only shared a throwaway line about the ANSWER Coalition having a "speakers' program going on behind us," without cluing viewers into the group's proud Marxist politics.

Online, at 3 p.m., wearing a black-and-white checkered collared shirt, the Party for Socialism and Liberation's Puryear hosted a YouTube livestream, joined by Tricontinental's Prashad and others. BreakThrough News promoted the livestream with a new piece of graphic propaganda, showing Trump with a mouth gaping open and Maduro with his chin high, appearing stoic and regal.

At 3:02 p.m., The People's Forum shared a video clip

on its X account of De Los Santos at the Times Square protest, a microphone in his hand as he scanned the crowd and railed against the U.S., calling the Trump administration a "criminal enterprise" for "kidnapping" Maduro.

"Shame!" the crowd responded, in a typical refrain for the group's protests.

Back on the BreakThrough News livestream, Puryear asked Becker about the "quick turnaround" on organizing the protests.

Becker spoke about the night before like a field marshal.

"A few of us stood up all night last night when we heard the news, conferring with each other, conferring with other organizers and, by 3:30, 4 o'clock this morning, we put out the call for demonstrations to happen today, Saturday, Jan. 3," he said.

Between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., he said, leaders of anti-Trump groups, including 50501, which organized "HandsOff" and "TakedownTesla" protests, reached out to the pro-Maduro organizers to join their protests, and the protest numbers swelled with the "entrance" of the groups more closely aligned with the Democratic Party.

Now, he bragged, the results were protests in "100-plus cities."

As the jet with Maduro and his wife touched down in the U.S. at Stewart Airport in New Windsor, New York, agents with "DEA" across their jackets boarding the plane, the caption on the livestream said proudly: "ANTI-WAR PROTESTS SWEEP U.S."

"We should be raging!" Becker declared, stoking the "working class" to join the "class war, global war, anti-imperialist war."

The protests today, he warned, "are a harbinger of what's coming."

—Asra Q. Nomani is a senior contributor at The Federalist and the author of "Woke Army: The Left-Green Alliance That Is Undermining America's Freedom," and the founder of the Pearl Project, a nonprofit journalism initiative.

MCSWANE...

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placed at the scene rather than thrown, and that the entire porch smelled heavily of gasoline.

"It was obvious this device was constructed to start a fire," Turner's affidavit says.

In a subsequent witness interview on August 27, Turner said he was told McSwane conveyed to the witness he'd set the fire at the Sanders' residence because Kimbrough had been hitting on his girlfriend. Turner said a later interview with the woman, Kaitlin Klehammer, determined they were no longer in a relationship. Turner said Klehammer told him McSwane "asked about retaliation towards her since he set the fire at their (Sanders) house."

A competency hearing determines whether the court believes an accused is capable of understanding the charges, legal options, procedures and possible repercussions of the court action against

them and is assessed by a mental health professional, with a report provided to the court upon its completion.

Court records show McSwane previously pled no contest to misdemeanor violation of a protection order charge in November 2021 in Franklin County, and pled guilty to felony drug charges in Anderson County and a felony possession of marijuana growing materials in Harvey County, both in 2008. He pled no contest to misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia in 2012 in Douglas County. He also faces current unrelated counts of criminal deprivation of property, driving under the influence, driving while license suspended and transporting an open container.

McSwane's competency hearing is set for January 26. He's currently held in the Anderson County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

LOWRY...

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history of the Six-Day War, none of the common conspiracy theories makes sense. There was no way that Israel - desperate for U.S. support and wary of Soviet enmity - was going to make an act of war against a friendly superpower. Nor did Israel need, as is sometimes posited, to hide its gains in the Sinai from the U.S., or its plans to hit Syria. It hadn't execut-

ed Egyptian POWs, so that didn't justify a murderous cover-up, either.

Both official Israeli and U.S. investigations determined that the attack was a friendly fire incident, but for Israel and the Jews in the current environment, the truth is no defense.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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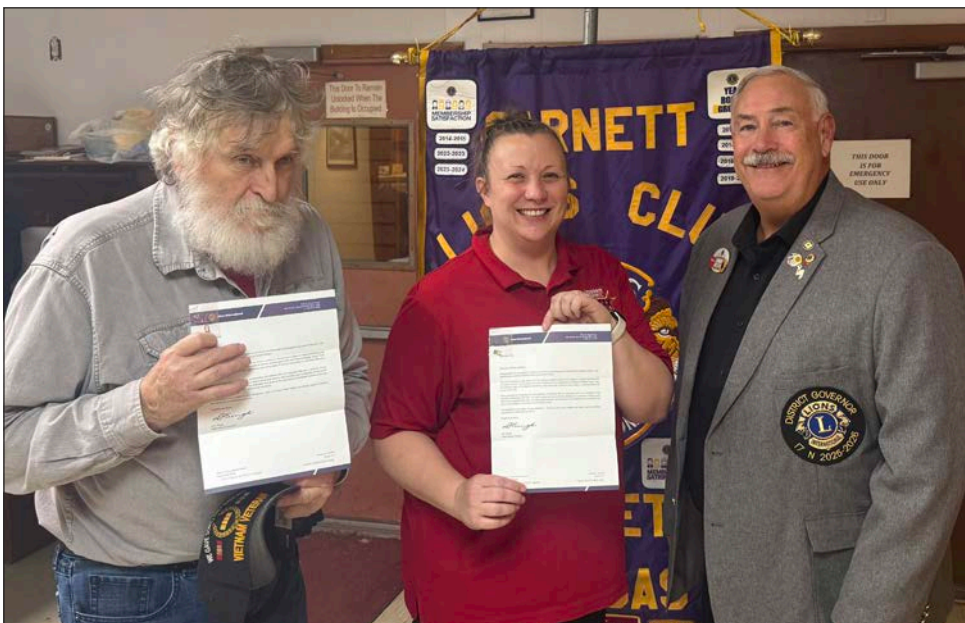
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- Thursday, January 8, 2026**
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 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44
- Friday, January 9, 2026**
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
- Monday, January 12, 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
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Library Board Mtg
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Mtg
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board
- Tuesday, January 13, 2026**
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Mtg
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 1:30 p.m. - Ministerial Alliance
 4:00 p.m. - Minecraft Program (5th-8th gr) @ Garnett Library
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026**
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Auxiliary Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - Awana
 6:30 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
- Thursday, January 15, 2026**
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Friday, January 16, 2026**
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
- Saturday, January 17, 2026**
 10:00 a.m. - Grocery BINGO @ Garnett Public Library
- Sunday, January 18, 2026**
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast
- Monday, January 19, 2026**
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026**
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting



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Garnett Lions club members, Clarence Hermann and Chelsey D'Albini were awarded 10 year membership awards Monday night at the regular meeting of the club. Kansas Lions District 17N Governor Clark Lindstrom was visiting the club and made the awards

Garnett Public Library hosting program to teach adults how to be safe in the digital world

The Garnett Public Library is hosting "Staying Safe in a digital world: Tech tips for older adults". Traci Hembree from the Greensbush Education Service Center will present a program designed specifically to cover a wide range of helpful topics, like how to use your iPhone, general technology tips, and handy tricks to make navigating the digital world easier.

Subjects covered include device (phones tablets, computers) and software safety, online behavior and information, scams, and data protection. Whether you're looking to master the basics or learn something new, this program will help you stay connected and confident in using modern technology. This program will be held in the Garnett Public Library Archer

Room on Wednesday, January, 14th at 10:30 a.m.

TechWise is a grant-funded project led by Greensbush to assist older Kansans with technology. This project is supported in whole or in part by federal award number SLFRP0140 awarded to the State of Kansas by U.S. Department of the Treasury.

FUTURE...

FROM PAGE 1

Producers say inflation has driven up nearly every aspect of staging outdoor performances — from lighting and sound equipment to temporary staging, sanitation and insurance. Industry analyses show those pressures are especially acute for outdoor shows, which must build or rent infrastructure that indoor venues already have. A 2023 report by The Recording Academy noted that the cost of personnel, equipment and backstage operations has "risen steeply since touring resumed after the pandemic shutdowns," creating major obstacles for smaller regional events, especially those outdoors.

Insurance costs have also soared. Risk Strategies, an event-insurance consultancy, reported that cancellation and weather policies became "more expensive and difficult to secure" after 2020, leaving some producers without affordable coverage and forcing others to assume greater financial risk.

The pressures extend beyond operations. Booking nationally recognized talent — once a key draw for many outdoor musicals — has become far more competitive. According to the Recording Academy's analysis of post-COVID touring, artist fees jumped as major acts sought to recoup lost touring income, while demand for top performers outpaced the supply of available dates. Outdoor musical theaters, often operating with smaller budgets, now struggle to match offers from indoor stages and large commercial festi-

vals. Revenue for performers is further complicated by the rise of digital music platforms like Spotify, which shifted the old payment model for artists from record sales now to touring performances, further driving up those performance costs and ticket prices.

Talent-routing has also become more challenging. Big tours frequently lock in major venues years in advance, and many include so-called "radius clauses" that limit where artists can perform near those larger stops. Wikipedia's entry on radius clauses notes that these restrictions increasingly exclude smaller outdoor theaters in the same region from booking major acts during peak touring windows.

Even when high-profile performers are available, audience behavior has shifted in ways that make guaranteeing big appearance fees riskier. A 2024 report from the Wallace Foundation found that post-pandemic theater audiences returned more slowly than expected, especially for productions outside blockbuster categories. Those who do attend are waiting longer to buy tickets, creating cash-flow uncertainty for producers already burdened by higher upfront costs.

Staffing shortages compound the strain. A 2023 European performing-arts analysis by LIVE DMA (Live Music Venue and Festival Association) found widespread shortages of experienced stagehands, sound technicians and production crews across

the live performance sector due to pandemic-era layoffs and career changes. U.S. producers report similar issues, which often hit outdoor events hardest because they require larger crews and more specialized setup.

Finally, funding and sponsorship landscapes have shifted. Emergency COVID relief programs that kept many performance organizations afloat have expired, and private sponsors have redirected budgets toward major festival brands or digital partnerships. A 2024 theatre-sector study by the National Endowment for the Arts noted that many nonprofit productions "continue to face a reduced pool of sponsorship and grant support," forcing difficult programming decisions.

Weather-related risks also loom large. Risk Strategies' briefing on the theater sector described post-COVID weather insurance as "a growing share of production budgets — when it can be obtained at all."

Together, producers say these pressures have reshaped the business model for outdoor musicals. Higher operational expenses, tougher competition for talent, shifting audience habits and persistent staffing shortages have created a challenging environment that many organizers worry could permanently alter this segment of live entertainment.

Cornstock board members are expected to make a statement regarding the 2026 show early next week.

Adult Reading Program 2026 to kick off this month

It's a new year at the Garnett Public Library! This year's adult reading program is entitled "Warm Up With Reading." What better way to enjoy the cozy indoors than with books! To participate, all one has to do is simply read or listen to books and come to the in-person programs and events, and then win prizes!

If you read at least five books throughout the program you will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize! Turn in the previous week's reading each Monday by 3pm to be entered into our weekly prize drawings.

This year, eligible books should be checked out from the library. This includes books, audiobooks, and online resources such as Hoopla, Libby and the cloudLibrary. We do encourage all adult readers to stop in and utilize all the

services the public library has to offer.

Kickoff Party will be Wednesday, January 21st at 7pm, Midway Party will be Wednesday, February 11th from 11am to 2pm, and the Ending Party will be Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm. Each party will have prizes and refreshments.

To sign up and turn in reading logs for the adult reading program call the library at 785-448-3388, email the library at garnettlibrarystaff@gmail.com, or simply drop by in person at the Garnett Public Library! All adults 18 and over are invited to participate. The first book you turn in as read will enter you officially into the program.

The program will begin Monday, January 19th, and run until Friday, February 26th, 2026.

Garnett BPW to meet January 20th

Garnett BPW meeting is Tuesday, January 20th, 6pm in the Archer Room of the Garnett Library. Our speakers are Angela Johnson and Theresia Turner, Directors at the Pregnancy and Center in Iola, will be sharing information about the Center. This includes Programs: Ultrasound, Jail Ministry, Bright Course, and After Care. They will share 2025

stats and future projects and will also have information about the Pregnancy Resource Act and Tax credit. The presentation will end with Questions/answer session.

You are invited to listen to our speakers and attend our meeting. Feel free to call with anyone questions or a ride to the meeting at 785-448-8745.

BILL...

FROM PAGE 1

Stricter policies are associated with better teacher-reported outcomes. Strict storage rules, such as requiring students to leave phones in hallway lockers or using Yondr pouches, are associated with better outcomes.

Bell-to-bell bans are more common in elementary and middle schools than in high schools. Only 1 in 4 high schools opted for the outright bans as opposed to 3 in 4 elementary and middle schools

The most common storage policy is the "no-show" policy. Nearly half of the schools in the survey have the no-show policy, in which students are allowed to carry their phones in their backpacks or back pockets, but must keep them out of sight. However, results show this policy does not perform as well as

more restrictive rules. Duckworth says two patterns are emerging from early returns:

"The stricter the policy, the happier the teacher and the less likely the students are to be using their cell phones when they aren't supposed to. For example, "bell-to-bell" (also called away for the day) policies are linked to more focused classrooms. We're also finding that focus on academics is higher in schools that do not permit students to keep their phones nearby, including in their backpacks or back pockets. Our team looks forward to diving deeper and in longitudinal analysis, establishing how changes in policies over time predict changes in outcomes like attendance and academic performance."

Yoder retirement reception

On Sunday, January 11, there will be a retirement reception for Vernon Yoder.

The reception will take place at the Garnett Community Building at Lake Garnett from 2-5 p.m. It is a come & go event.

Garnett Lions Club
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Saturday:

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2nd Saturday: Teriyaki-glazed pork chops



- 3rd Saturday:** Surf & Turf: boiled Shrimp and/or beef tips
4th Saturday: Fried Catfish
5th Saturday: Homemade Lasagna
Sunday: Homemade pan-fried chicken w/sides



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Trendel takes top honors at Senior Center pitch

We started 2026 with a group of 17 to play 13-point pitch. It was good to see everyone from 2025 and to start a new year. It was a lively bunch talking, playing cards and snacking. The results of the 10 games are as follows: Kyle Trendel took top honor winning eight of 10 games played; Dorothy Spencer won the 50/50 as well as having the

most perfect hands of 13 with four and John Walter won the least number of games.

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

Jan Wards reporting

K-State's 2026 Swine Profitability Conference Feb. 3 in Manhattan

K-State Extension news service

MANHATTAN – Kansas State University's 36th annual Swine Profitability Conference, which is designed to address the key factors influencing pork producer profitability and business decision-making, is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Manhattan.

"At the Swine Profitability Conference, we focus on current industry-wide issues facing pork producers," said Joel DeRouchey, swine extension specialist in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. "Swine profitability is multifaceted, revolving around input costs and pork demand, as well as labor efficiency, herd health and daily management decisions. Our speakers will address these critical topics."

This year's lineup of speakers includes:

Brian Earnest, lead economist in animal protein for CoBank, who will provide an update on the current U.S. pork market and opportunities to grow market share.

Cesar Corzo, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, who will discuss lessons on hog trailer contamination and re-contamination at harvest plants.

Fred Kuhr, director of

production for Dykhuis Farms in Hamilton, Michigan, who will discuss how that business implemented on-farm technology to optimize labor.

Nicole Harrison from Rezac Livestock, who will speak on building a generational legacy.

Chris Sievers, Swine Vet Center, St. Peter, Minnesota, who will discuss in-barn strategies to address wean-finish mortality.

K-State swine nutritionist Jordan Gebhardt said this year's speakers plan to focus on opportunities and strategies to continue strengthening the profitability of swine production.

"Consistent with past conferences, the program emphasizes practical, actionable information for producers that can be taken home and immediately applied," he said.

The conference will take place at the Stanley Stout Center, 2200 Denison Avenue in Manhattan. The day begins with coffee and donuts at 9:15 a.m. and the program at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the conference, which will end at 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is \$25 per participant and is due by Jan. 23. Attendees can register at the door for \$50 per participant. More information, including online registration, is available at KSUSwine.org.

Are frozen canned foods still safe to eat?

K-State Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Cold, winter weather and the potential for power outages creates challenges for keeping food safe. Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee said frozen canned or jarred foods can be a safety hazard.

"If you have canned foods, either home canned or commercially canned, in a storage location that froze, first check for broken seals or seams in metal cans or broken glass jars in both commercial or home canned foods due to expansion of the food and liquid inside the container," Blakeslee said.

If all preservation containers are intact, they can be saved. The texture of the food may be softer than expected.

Blakeslee recommends discarding canned foods with broken metal seams or canned foods with broken glass, which can lead to contamination. This includes home canned foods that came unsealed and thawed. "Examine the containers for signs of bulging, rusting or leaking contents. Never taste any food that has changed color or has an off odor," she said.

"If a glass jar became unsealed but is still frozen,

examine the contents carefully for spoilage. These jars can be safely used immediately or transferred to a new container and stored in the refrigerator or freezer."

For extra safety, boil foods such as meats, fish, vegetables and poultry for 10 minutes before using.

To prevent a future food crisis during cold weather, Blakeslee suggests moving containers to a warmer location or wrapping jars or cans in paper and cover with blankets to insulate them. For best quality, choose a cool, dry, dark location. The optimal storage temperature is between 50-70 degrees Fahrenheit. Use within one year.

"Another option for vulnerable storage locations is to prop open the pantry or cupboard doors to allow warm air inside," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for Food Science, publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on food safety. Learn more about food safety in cold weather from the K-State Extension Food Safety website.

More information is also available from local extension offices in Kansas.

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Notice of Suit - Foreclosure of real estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 1, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

LINDA SCOTT A/K/A LINDA LYNN SCOTT, CHERYL RYBACK, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA LYNN SCOTT, JOHN DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), JANE DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ET AL. Defendants.

Case No.: AN-2025-CV-000048 Division No. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successor trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

All of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section One (1), Township Twenty-Three (23) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of The Sixth Principal Meridian lying North of Highway #169 Less Commencing at the intersection of the West city limits of Colony, Kansas, and the North right-of-way line of Highway 59-169 being 520 feet, more or less, North of the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section One (1), Township Twenty-Three

(23) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the sixth Principal Meridian, thence West along the North right-of-way line of said Highway 217 feet, thence North 100 feet, thence Northeasterly parallel to the North right-of-way line of said highway 217 feet, thence South 100 feet to the place of beginning; and less beginning at a point 1320.43 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section One (1), Township Twenty-Three (23) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, being the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of said section, thence s 0°00' 00" W 500.00 feet, thence N 45°17' 54" W. 703.41 feet, thence N 89°24' 11" E 500.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The Property Includes an Affixed 2000 Chandelure Homes, Inc. Model 2827 Manufactured Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 17807 SW 300th Road, Colony, KS 66015 ("Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before February 11, 2026, in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information will be used for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted, MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.

/s/ David V. Noyce David V. Noyce, #20870 11111 Nall Avenue, Suite 104 Leawood, KS 66211 Phone: (913) 800-2021 Fax: (913) 257-5223 dnoyce@mlg-defaultlaw.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ja113*

Put that in the paper!

Call (785) 448-3121 or email review@garnett-ks.com

Notice that Anderson County approved Solar Energy Conversion Systems zoning regulations

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 8, 2026.)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-30

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 25, SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS, SECTION 25-1 THROUGH SECTION 26-13.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in Section 15-753 K.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the County did adopt Resolution NO. 00, 0911.1 in September 2000, establishing zoning regulations for the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on December 15, 2025 to consider Solar Energy Conversion Systems regulations.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said Amendment, finds that the Amendment to the Anderson County Zoning Regulations Article 25 Solar Energy Conversion Systems, Section 25-1 through Section 26-13 in substantial compliance with the intent of the County Comprehensive Plan and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Solar Energy Conversion Systems Zoning Regulations, Article 25, Solar Energy Conversion Systems, Section 25-1 through Section 26-13.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

/s/ Leslie D. McGhee, Chairman /s/ Anthony C. Mersman Commissioner /s/ Michael Blaufuss, Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Julie Wettstein, Clerk

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Notice of approval of zone change application

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 8, 2026.)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-29

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #ZC2025-06(MCGHEE) TO SPLIT OFF AND REZONE 10 ACRES FROM "A-1" AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO "R-E" RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in Section 15-753 K.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the County did adopt Resolution NO. 00, 0911.1 in September 2000, establishing zoning regulations for the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on December 15, 2025 to consider Zone Change Application #ZC2025-06(McGhee) to rezone 10 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said zone change request, and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Zone Change Application #ZC2025-06(McGhee); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing

the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said zone change, finds that the rezoning of 10 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District in substantial compliance with the intent of the County Comprehensive Plan and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Zone Change Application #ZC2025-06(McGhee), said property is located in Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 18 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

/s/ Leslie D. McGhee, Chairman /s/ Anthony C. Mersman Commissioner /s/ Michael Blaufuss, Commissioner

ATTEST: /s/ Julie Wettstein, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

The South Half (S/2) of the East Half (E/2) of the East Half (E/2) of the East Half (E/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Anderson County, Kansas.

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is the primary agency responsible for inspecting trucks, checking driver credentials and enforcing highway rules. FMCSA officials note that hazmat authority on highways is covered largely under rules that spell out routing, parking, loading, securement and attendance requirements for carriers hauling toxic, flammable or corrosive cargo.

PHMSA writes the book; FMCSA makes sure it's followed, the DOT often says in its public guidance on hazardous-materials shipping.

Kansas and neighboring states operate under that federal framework. In Kansas, the Kansas Highway Patrol con-

ducts much of the on-road enforcement, checking placards, shipping papers and hazardous materials endorsements on commercial drivers' licenses. Those endorsements require additional written testing and a TSA background check, according to PHMSA's hazmat employee training requirements.

Local planning is where the system becomes less uniform. Under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) — also known as SARA Title III — every county in the country must maintain a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The law requires LEPCs to analyze hazardous-materials risks and create emergency response plans based on

the chemicals most likely to pass through or be stored in their communities.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management notes that LEPCs are also the clearinghouse for public information on chemical inventories reported under EPCRA. Those inventories help local planners anticipate what first responders may face if a spill occurs on a highway, rail crossing or industrial site.

But capability varies widely. While metropolitan areas such as Kansas City, Wichita or Omaha have full-time hazmat response teams, many rural counties depend on volunteer fire departments with limited equipment. Most rely on the Emergency Response Guidebook, a federally produced handbook distribut-

ed by DOT and Transport Canada. The ERG provides initial evacuation distances, protective actions and firefighting recommendations based on the four-digit UN identification number displayed on hazmat placards.

The guidebook is required to accompany hazardous shipments under the law, which mandates that emergency response information be immediately available to drivers and first responders.

Towns with only a single volunteer crew are still expected to respond according to the federal framework. The rules assume that the right information is on the truck, the responders know how to interpret it, and the county has planned for what could

happen. But in the New Year's Eve chemical spill in Garnett, the truck couldn't be identified, the driver apparently didn't know his cargo spilled and didn't stop, and the truck was out of the area before law enforcement could identify it and track it down.

Federal rules also mandate incident reporting. Significant spills must be reported to the National Response Center, which triggers notifications to state emergency agencies and local responders. PHMSA requires many hazmat carriers to maintain annual registration and, in some cases, a Hazardous Materials Safety Permit, particularly for materials toxic by inhalation, explosives and large

quantities of radioactive substances.

Still, the risk remains a shared responsibility. Federal regulations set the standards, states enforce the rules on the road, and counties are left to prepare for the "what-ifs" — including whether they have enough trained volunteers, enough breathing equipment, or access to regional hazmat teams.

For small towns bisected by major routes such as U.S. 59 and U.S. 169, that means heavy reliance on a system built around paperwork, placards and preparedness. As one PHMSA training guide frames it: "The first 30 minutes of a hazmat incident are won or lost based on correct identification."

RECORDS...

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Lutz, Trustee, and John E Lutz III Revocable Trust Dated 12-22-1999: N2 ne4 34-19-19 less a tract beg at necor said section, thence west 342.5', thence south 763.1', thence east 342.5', thence north 763.1' to pob; & less a tract com 342.5' west of necor said section, thence west 295', thence south 147.5', thence east 295', thence north 147.5' to pob; & less com 763.1' south of necor said section, thence south 556.9', thence west 528', thence north-easterly to pt 342.5' west of pob, thence east 342.5' to pob.

cle driven by Aubree Brooks, Westphalia, was involved in a one-vehicle non-injury accident on K-31 Highway near Idaho Road.

On December 17, a vehicle driven by Jaron Joseph Brockus was traveling south on US 59 Highway when he struck a deer.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED

On December 11, Sahmondre Deonte Marquese Vanburen was booked as a hold for Labette County after being arrested for an outstanding warrant.

On December 11, Stephen Ray Putthoff was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 11, Joshua Michael Snider was arrested for

court; indirect contempt.

On December 12, Michael Andrew Gigstad was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 12, Jeffery Lee East was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 13, Nicholas Keaton Dasher was arrested for a DUI.

On December 13, Tamara Lea Obermiller was booked as a hold for the Douglas County Sheriff as she was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 13, Jeffery Lee East was arrested for driving while suspended.

On December 16, Isaac Lane Dent was arrested for domestic battery and criminal damage to property.

On December 31, Wendel Ray Kanawyer was arrested for aggravated battery.

On December 31, Bretty Allan Swift was arrested for possession of firearms under influence.

On January 1, Charles Marion Copp was arrested for aggravated battery and criminal damage to property.

On January 2, Daniel Herrera Mejia was arrested by law enforcement.

On January 2, Wendell Ray Kanawyer was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On January 4, Jeffery Lee East was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

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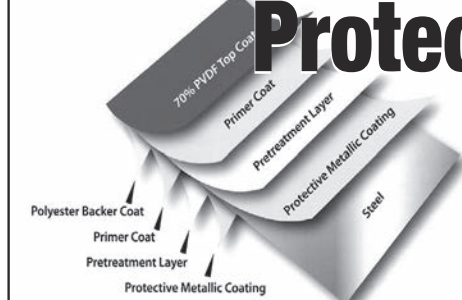
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ACHS boys hold off Central Heights

GARNETT — Anderson County opened the new year with a hard-fought 48-44 win over rival Central Heights on Friday night, Jan. 2, overcoming holiday-break rust and a short-handed roster to secure the victory.

The Bulldogs trailed 13-12 after the first quarter but recovered to take a 25-22 lead into halftime. Anderson County held a narrow 32-30 advantage heading into the fourth and managed to fend off multiple Central Heights surges down the stretch.

ACHS was without one of its top two scorers as Brayden Wheat did not suit up. The Bulldogs' other primary scoring leader, Brylan

Sommer, was limited to just 8 points on the night. Still, several Bulldogs stepped up in key moments.

Aidan Steele led Anderson County with 14 points, while Christian Barnett added 10. Dylan Hoffman scored 7, including 5 in the opening quarter to spark the Bulldogs early. Beau Howey contributed 6 points and Christopher Barnett added 3.

Central Heights head coach Rusty Cannady said he was proud of his team's effort despite the holiday-break challenges.

"Having a game during Christmas break is tough. You have no idea how your kids are going to respond," Cannady said. "It's hard

enough to get kids to practice hard during break, and even harder to focus on a game. I was extremely pleased with our effort. We lacked size and athleticism, but fought and battled all night."

Cannady said the Vikings had opportunities late but couldn't quite get the bounces they needed.

"We had our chances, but some bounces did not go our way," he said. "Coach Ray does a great job with his kids, and they made just a couple more plays at the end than we did. Slowly but surely we're getting better."

Cannady also praised the rivalry atmosphere between the two schools.

"Tonight was a great game between two rival schools that know each other well," he said. "Two great communities got to see a competitive game from start to finish. I would like to thank everyone that traveled down to Garnett to support our kids during this holiday break. It means a lot. On behalf of the Central Heights community, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thank you."

Central Heights was led by Colt King with 17 points. Max Chrisjohn added 12, Knox Cannady scored 9, and Roarke Brock finished with 6.

Bulldog boys stop Fredonia 69-62 on Tuesday night

GARNETT — Anderson County protected its home court Tuesday night, defeating Fredonia 69-62 on Jan. 6 after holding off a strong second-half rally by the Yellowjackets.

The Bulldogs came out sharp, jumping ahead 21-11 after the first quarter and stretching the lead to 35-23 at halftime. But Fredonia responded after the break, matching its entire first-half scoring output with 23 points in the third quarter. The Yellowjackets outscored AC 23-17 in the period, trimming the Bulldogs' advantage to 51-46 heading into the final eight minutes.

Anderson County steadied itself in the fourth

behind the return of stand-out scorer Brayden Wheat, who delivered a game-high 25 points. Wheat opened the night with 11 points in the first quarter and closed it with 12 more in the fourth, providing the lift the Bulldogs needed to secure the win. He scored just 2 points combined in the second and third quarters.

Aidan Steele added 17 points for AC, and Brylan Sommer contributed 13, giving the Bulldogs three players in double figures. Dylan Hoffman scored 8 points, and Beau Howey added 6 to round out Anderson County's scoring.

Lady Bulldogs roll past Central Heights

GARNETT — The Anderson County Lady Bulldogs opened 2026 in decisive fashion Friday night, powering past Central Heights 56-23 in a home non-conference matchup on Jan. 2.

Anderson County struck quickly, jumping ahead 18-11 after the first quarter before widening the margin with a dominant second period that saw the Bulldogs outscore the Vikings 14-2. AC entered halftime with a commanding 32-13 lead and never looked back, adding 19 more points in the third quarter to put the game out of reach. Central Heights was held scoreless in the fourth.

Central Heights struggled to generate consistent offense against the Lady

Bulldogs' pressure, finishing with only five made field goals on 31 attempts. Senior Macy Cubit led the Vikings with 11 points. Sophomore Carly Matile added 8 points, including 6 from the free-throw stripe. Sophomore Lily Burkdoll and freshman Makenzie Moon each chipped in 2 points.

The Vikings' shooting woes were evident across all four quarters as they were held to just 2 points in the second period and 0 in the final eight minutes. Central Heights finished 3-of-13 from three-point range and 10-of-20 at the foul line.

Matile added seven rebounds and two steals, and Moon led the Vikings with three steals.

Viking boys come up short against Uniontown

RICHMOND — Cold shooting plagued Central Heights Friday night as the Vikings fell 37-30 to Uniontown in a low-scoring contest that saw CH battling uphill from the opening quarter.

Uniontown led 11-5 after the first period and carried a 16-13 advantage into halftime as both teams struggled to find offensive rhythm. Central Heights trimmed the deficit to just one point late in the third, trailing 29-28 heading into the final quarter, but the Vikings couldn't complete the comeback as shots continued to rim out down the stretch.

"It was one of those nights when shots would just not fall," Central Heights head coach Rusty Cannady said. "The ol' round ball just would not go in the ol' round hole."

Cannady praised the Vikings for their resilience despite the offensive frustration.

"When shots don't fall, kids usually get to a frustration level where they go ahead and fold," he said. "These kids kept competing and never gave up. In the locker room after the

game, you could feel the frustration they felt offensively, but as coaches we explained that these nights happen."

Cannady emphasized that the Vikings' effort and character remain consistent, even in tough shooting nights.

"All season we have never had to tell these kids to play hard or give more effort," he said. "It's a true sign of their character and how they are raised. Great parents make great kids. Hard work will always pay off at the end. Great things always happen to those that work hard."

Cannady also thanked the strong home crowd for its support.

"It was a good night with a great crowd for these kids," he said. "Thank you to all our supporters that came out tonight to cheer on these Vikings. It's much appreciated."

Scoring for Central Heights was led by Colt King with 8 points. Knox Cannady and Landon Lickteig each added 6, Max Chrisjohn and Roarke Brock scored 4 apiece, and Kreig Garrett chipped in 2.

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