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# Greeley school supporters launch petition drive

**Parents, locals hope state board audit will overturn USD 365 move**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY - Community members hoping to salvage the future of Greeley Elementary School met Tuesday night to outline their petition effort aimed at bringing an audit by the Kansas Board of Education of the decision to shutter the facility after the school

year. School board members in USD 365 voted earlier this month to close the school based on what it said were low enrollment numbers and high per student loss of operation at the school. Organizers think they need between 250 and 275 signatures to reach the state statute threshold for a state board review of the local district's decision.

That petition threshold is not a guarantee to overturn the USD 365 resolution to close the school, only to force a delay while the

state board reviews the board's closing effort.

Board members in the district voted 4-3 January 13 to close the school in a followup meeting to a statutorily-required public hearing the prior week that ended in angry shouts, after the board returned from a recess and immediately called for a motion to approve a resolution for closure. School supporters accused board members of having predetermined the immediate motion to close the school, without regard to public commenters who spoke

from a podium and others who filled out comment cards prior to the hearing on the understanding they would be read during the meeting.

About 40 Greeley supporters attended Tuesday night's petition meeting to iron out the document language and organize its distribution, as well as to compose a letter to the state board requesting the audit. Former USD 365 board member Mike Rockers attended the meeting and cautioned those in attendance to focus on measurable arguments

in the letter instead of emotional criticisms of the board's action. He suggested a primary focus on an assessment of costs to operate the Greeley school provided by Superintendent Ryan Most which appeared not to be specific to the school but instead based on undefined district averages.

Greeley has struggled with low enrollment for nearly four decades, and was subject of a 1987 board closure action which was negated by a 2-1 referendum of

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Opponents of a USD 365 School Board resolution to close Greeley Elementary School met at Berea Hall Tuesday night to plan a petition

drive to force an audit of the board's decision by the Kansas State Board of Education.

# Bobcats not showy, but records show they're close by

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - An apparent false alarm of a bobcat reportedly seen in the 300 block of Cleveland Street in Garnett this week has illuminated the fact that the animals are far more prevalent in Eastern Kansas than many residents might believe.

A partially obscured photo of a cat at first thought to be a bobcat and posted on Pet Finder Garnett Area's Facebook was broadly discounted by commenters because the cat appeared to have a tail longer than the short, stubby tail that denotes bobcats. Bobcats also typically have ear tufts and cheek ruffs that give them a distinctive look when seen clearly.

Another priority about bobcats is that they just prefer not to be seen.

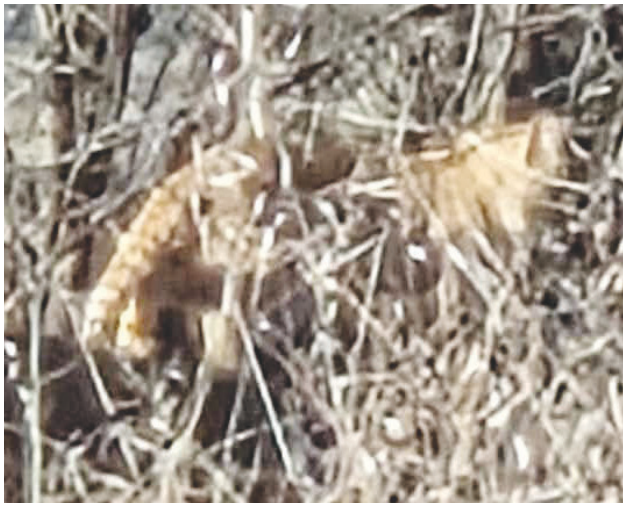
According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

(KDWP), bobcats are now considered statewide in range, with the highest densities found in southeast Kansas. Even in areas where they are well established, the agency notes bobcats are "only rarely seen" because of their secretive nature and preference for thick cover.

That description fits eastern Kansas well. Verified records compiled in the Kansas Mammal Atlas confirm bobcats in numerous eastern counties. Anderson County alone has multiple documented records, while nearby counties such as Franklin and Douglas rank among those with the highest number of verified sightings in the state. The atlas data confirm that bobcats are not transient visitors but long-term residents across the region.

In Eastern Kansas, bobcats are

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 1-22-2026 /Facebook post Facebook commenters debated this photo of a bobcat reported in the city limits of Garnett this week. While its authenticity is in question, Kansas Wildlife & Parks officials say the cats are a secretive staple in Eastern Kansas.

# House committee questions SEKMHC head

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - Kansas Representatives on the House Health and Human Services Committee raised questions on Tuesday about a possible management conflict between two tax-financed reimbursement structures being employed by the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center, and whether or not SEKMHC's purchase and operation of Ashley Clinic in 2023 fits Kansas medical compliance.

Committee members questioned SEKMHC Executive

Director Nathan Fawson for more than an hour on the operations and finances of the six-county mental health service district. Those questions focused on state and federal Medicaid reimbursement models and other management aspects of the organization, which has been a lightning rod for controversy in recent months since IRS tax forms for the non-profit revealed it has the highest Medicaid revenues and highest executive salaries of any of Kansas' 26 mental health center districts. Fawson briefly outlined

for legislators the process by which SEK gained certification and the advanced Medicaid reimbursement qualification to become a Certified Community Behavior Health Clinic, and its cost-based reimbursement process that allows them to tally costs and bill them to Medicaid. CCBHCs offer 24/7 crisis care for mental health and substance abuse services as well as integrated physical health care, and allow for drastically expanded reimbursements that allowed its employment/staffing growth

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 1-22-2026 / YOUTUBE SCREEN CAPTURE Nathan Fawson gives testimony during Kansas House HHS hearing.

# Fr-fr-frigid temps, snow headed our way this weekend

**Dangerous weather for pets, livestock and those stranded outside; take precautions**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - A significant cold snap accompanied by a chance of snow late Friday into Saturday is forecast to affect Anderson County, including Garnett and surrounding communities, as an Arctic air mass moves into the region this weekend.

According to the National Weather Service's forecast for Anderson County and Garnett, temperatures will plummet Friday and Saturday with a chance of accumulating snow, especially overnight Friday and into Saturday morning.

The NWS says Friday will pack cloudy and much colder temps than recent days with a 30% chance of snow after noon, becoming blustery with northeast winds and highs near 18°F. Snow is likely Friday night, mainly after midnight, with temperatures dropping to around 0°F and continued cold winds.

On Saturday more snow is likely, mainly before noon, with highs near 12°F under mostly cloudy skies. There's a continued chance of snow Saturday night and sub-freezing lows near 1°F.

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# Smith County still tops Kansas' coldest-ever spot

MANHATTAN - Kansas is no stranger to bitter winter weather, and historical records show the state has endured some of the most extreme cold temperatures ever recorded in the Lower 48.

The coldest temperature ever officially recorded in Kansas was -40 degrees Fahrenheit, measured near Lebanon in Smith County on Feb. 13, 1905, according to records maintained by the National Weather Service (NWS). That temperature remains the all-time state record more than a century later.

Meteorologists with Kansas State University's Extension Service note that the February 1905 cold wave was part of a widespread Arctic outbreak that pushed south across the Great Plains, driving temperatures well below zero across nearly all of Kansas.

Another historic cold episode struck just a few years earlier. During the Great Blizzard of 1899, temperatures across Kansas plunged to extraordinary lows. Historical

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**KIMBALL**

AUGUST 14, 1961 — JANUARY 13, 2026

Nancy Kimball, age 64, of Lane, Kansas, passed away at her home on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.



**Kimball**

Nancy was born on August 14, 1961, the third of five children born to Richard Eugene and Mary Ellen (Brock) Morrow. She grew up in the Ottawa area and graduated from Ottawa High School with the Class of 1979. Nancy was a woman deeply devoted to her family and her communities in Lane and Richmond, where she made her home with her husband, Jim.

Nancy's work ethic was a cornerstone of her life. She was employed at King Radio for over ten years and also worked for Anderson County Hospital and Our Own Hardware. However, she was perhaps best known for her thirty-year career at the HWY 59 Service Station, which she owned and operated since 2013. Additionally, Nancy drove a school bus for CF Bus Services for over 25 years. She wanted to ensure she was the one to drive all of her grandchildren to school.

Nancy was fiercely loyal and protective of those she loved. She was known for her straightforward, stubborn nature—a woman who always told you exactly what she thought. At the service station, her firm but fair business sense was well-known; you certainly did not want your name on the table for owing her money. Beyond her work, Nancy was a pillar of her community. She was a founding member of the Richmond Ruritan Club in 2006, and she and Jim were active members of the Lane Ruritan Club since 1986. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren, and she made every attempt to be present for all of their events, continuing to care for everyone around her until the very end.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents,

Richard Eugene Morrow in 2009 and Mary Ellen Morrow in 2025; her grandparents, Floyd Olin and Lela Rose Brock; three uncles, Eugene Brock, James Brock and Leland Morrow; three aunts, Florine Kreie, Rosie Mullinax, and Betty Kirkland; and her niece, Kelli.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Kimball, of the home; two sons, Ross Kimball and wife Jennifer of Lane, Kansas, and Leland Kimball and wife Jamie of Richmond, Kansas; and seven grandchildren, Dylan and fiancée Mackenzie, Lane, Carter, Ethan, Tristan, Kenna, and Bossen Kimball. She also leaves behind four brothers, Mike Morrow of Sealy, Texas, Tim Morrow and wife Theresa of Ottawa, Kansas, Larry Morrow of Garnett, Kansas, and Rod Morrow of Ottawa, Kansas; three sisters-in-law, Cathy Smith and husband Mark, Patty Bell and husband Brad, and Sue Stringer and husband Mike; two brothers-in-law, Gary Kimball and wife Karen, and Eldon Riley and wife Teresa; as well as her uncles, Jerry Brock and wife Marie, and Gary Brock and wife Judy; aunt, Carol Welton; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who held a special place in her heart.

Funeral services were Monday, January 19, 2026 at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service in Garnett, Kansas. Inurnment followed in the Richmond Cemetery. Nancy's family greeted friends Sunday afternoon at the funeral home in Garnett.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richmond Ruritan Club or to the Lane Ruritan Club and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com).

**CULVER**

MARCH 25, 1938 — JANUARY 9, 2026

Robert "Bob" Culver, age 87, of Centerville, Kansas, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Guest Home Estates in Garnett, Kansas.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 24,

2026, at the Centerville Community Church. Bob's family will greet friends on Friday evening, January 23, 2026, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service in Garnett.

**JOHNSON**

FEBRUARY 26, 1952 - JANUARY 11, 2026

Helen Jo Johnson, 73, of Ottawa, passed away on January 11, 2026 at Olathe Hospice House.



**Johnson**

She was born on February 26, 1952 to Lloyd and Esther (Ashburn) Willey in Garnett, KS. She was one of six children.

Helen worked as a truck loader for the Walmart Distribution Center until she retired after 10 years of dedication. Before working for Walmart, she worked at the JCPenny warehouse in Lenexa, KS for 10 years.

On October 8, 1970 she married the love of her life, Harlan Larry Johnson. To this union, she was blessed with four children, Kristy, Shawn, Kammie, Kasey. Helen was a dedicated stay at home mom while Harlan worked over the road, providing for their family.

Helen loved spending her time going to thrift stores, garage sales, and visiting cemeteries. She spent time driving around with her friends and daughter, Kasey and hanging out

with her close friend, Deb. Helen loved to jam to the radio in the car.

Helen is survived by her loving, Brother, David Willey, Sister-In-Law, Penny Sommer, Brother-In-Law, Randy Johnson, as well as her children, Kristy, Kammie, and Kasey. She is also survived by her 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

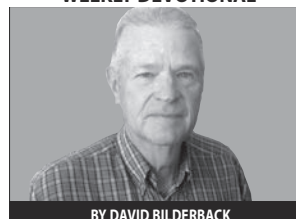
She was preceded in death by her Father, Lloyd Willey, Mother, Esther Willey, Husband, Larry Johnson, Son, Shawn Johnson, Siblings, Lloyd, Sally, Billy, and Johnny, Grandson, Khamis, Father-In-Law, Harlan Johnson and Mother-In-Law, Myrna Johnson.

To honor Helen's wishes, she will be riding in her son, Shawn's, truck "Big Sexi" to her final resting place, driven by her nephew, Brian Sommer.

Services in care of Dengel & Son Mortuary-Paola Chapel.

**You may or may not like what you see!**

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

We live our lives "Corem Deo" which simply means, before the face of God. God sees us but we seldom catch a glimpse of God. We live our life and we perceive it much as if we were looking into a camera lens. It is very easy for us to perceive ourselves in the most advantageous manner. We see two images. The one image is the way we want our life to unfold. The persons we want to share our life with. The job we want and the resources to do the things we want. The other image is the one which inhibits our desires. People who we perceive to be an obstacle to us. Circumstances that seem to be obstacles to us such as a financial reversal or health issue. We are like a thoroughbred race horse running with blinders for a finish line, able only to see straight ahead. We have no peripheral vision. Unfortunately because of our blinders we see only our desires and the obstacles to achieving these desires.

In the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon provides us with a good example of someone who pursued everything life had to offer. The issue Solomon had was when he achieved the desired result he was pursuing he was left with tension between what he had achieved and a certain level of dissatisfaction with the achievement. His conclusion concerning all of his pursuits to please himself was, "a chasing after the wind."

Man has long been trying to build paradise on earth. The problem is man has learned to follow, for

the most part, the law of the land because it is enforced by a system that has the authority to punish those who won't. Following God is quite another task. Since the fall we were left with a moral inability, that is since we are faced with making a choice most often we will take the low road of the world rather than the high road of God. And truthfully we choose what we most prefer. We are blinded by our desires for ourselves. It is this obsession with ourselves that forces God to the periphery of our lives. When our attention is diverted away from something we soon lose focus on it. How many times in my life and yours have we lost focus on something only to find out how important it was to us when it's too late. This life does not offer up enough rewards to misplace God. We must continually refocus to keep God involved. God has never lost anyone but a lot of us have lost him. You can dismiss this but before you do take some time and examine your life. You may or may not like what you see.

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*Like David Bilderback*

**Colony Christian Church - "Why am I here?"**

Lexy Langworthy led worship accompanied by Jake Riebel and Speed Elsasser. Ben Prasko was on keyboard and Ethan Prasko was percussion. Lexy sang "Victory in Jesus," "Who You Say I Am," "Son of David" and "You are My All in All."

Kristen Boone assured us that God comforts His people. God's comforting character is clearly evident in Isaiah chapter 40.

Howard Reiter spoke from Micah chapter 7 for the communion meditation titled "The Crash." When the stock market crashes we have to pick up the pieces of our broken financial life. When our lives crash Jesus picks up the broken pieces of our lives and delights to show us mercy. Spending eternity with Jesus doesn't start when we die it starts the moment we put our faith in Him.

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# Trump's first year: Results over rhetoric

One year into his return to the Oval Office, Donald Trump has delivered what supporters long argued was missing from Washington: decisive action, unapologetic priorities, and measurable outcomes. While critics continue to dispute Trump's style, the record of the past year points to a presidency focused on sovereignty, safety, economic confidence and a rollback of policies a majority of voting Americans believed were dividing the country.

Perhaps the most visible change has been at the southern border. After years of record crossings, the administration moved swiftly to restore enforcement. Illegal border traffic fell sharply as deterrence returned. The message was simple and overdue: the United States is a nation of laws. Legal immigration remains welcome; illegal entry is not. Enforcement is now no longer questionable.

Equally striking has been the economic signal sent to the world. In just one year, the administration announced roughly \$10 trillion in combined U.S. investment commitments, spanning domestic manufacturing, energy, technology, infrastructure, and foreign direct investment. Whether through reshoring incentives, regulatory clarity or tough trade negotiations, capital began moving back toward American soil. The result has been renewed confidence that the U.S. intends to compete and win industrially in future decades.

Trump emphasized deterrence and deal-making over endless intervention in foreign policy. Conflicts that had stagnated for years were pushed toward resolution or de-escalation through pressure, leverage, and diplomacy. While global peace is never absolute, Americans saw a shift away from open-ended military commitments and toward outcomes that prioritize U.S. interests and service members' lives. To date, nine wars have ceased or deescalated in Trump's first year.

Common sense executive orders drew clear lines where the Biden Administration had blurred them. The ban on biological males competing in women's sports

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reaffirmed fairness and safety for female athletes. Prohibitions on irreversible sex-change procedures for minors reflected a growing consensus that children deserve protection from experimental medical interventions they cannot fully understand. The administration also acted to end discrimination against Christians and other faith-based families in foster care and adoption systems—ensuring that deeply held beliefs are not grounds for exclusion from serving children in need. Another major shift came with the rollback of federally imposed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs that institutionalized racial and ideological favoritism over competence and ability. The administration's position has been clear: equal opportunity under the law must not be replaced with enforced outcomes or political litmus tests. Merit, not ideology, is again the standard. Its shockwaves are still reverberating through federal employment.

Finally, the administration has made aggressive fraud detection a priority. High-profile cases—including massive Medicaid fraud uncovered in Minnesota—highlighted just how vulnerable federal programs had become. By tightening oversight and pursuing prosecutions, the government signaled that taxpayer dollars are not an all-you-can-eat buffet for crimi-

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Come on Anderson County Road Supervisor, drive out 7th Street. Fix some of these roads.

It's me again. The trash can weighs more than me. Thank God for my landlord, because I couldn't even roll it even without trash in it.

As an elderly life-long Republican, I'm increasingly outraged by the abhorant behavior of Trump, who now threatens

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## Letters to the editor

### Do you ask why?

Have you questioned 'why do I go to church on Sunday when God clearly said to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy?' It is the 4th of 10 Commandments he wrote in stone and gave to Moses. Of course we have been told that Acts 20 says they met on the first day of the week to break bread, meaning to share a meal. Their friend Paul was leaving for Troas and this was a day long farewell gathering. Strange how no one mentions the explicit observances of Sabbath keeping in Acts 13:14 and again in verses 42-44 or chapter 16:13 along with many others. This is about 20 to 30 years after Jesus' crucifixion.

I don't think most of these people are misleading you intentionally, they are just

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# Minnesota mess could spawn national fraud reform

Multibillion-dollar government benefit fraud cases in Minnesota are making headlines for being so pervasive and brazen. But the Minnesota fraud machine is not an isolated concern. Benefit fraud is a big business across dozens of states and scores of benefit programs. I say this because I saw it firsthand as the former head of all FBI criminal investigations and later Global Security Director at one of the largest financial institutions in the U.S., where we used advanced data analytics to detect fraud schemes.

This is not a new problem. An April 2025 GAO report estimated that since 2003, taxpayer losses from fraud in state-administered benefit programs such as SNAP and Medicaid exceed \$2.3 trillion. Based on the same GAO data, losses from fiscal years 2018 through 2022 alone range from \$233 billion to \$521 billion. The exposure of the Minnesota fraud machine — and the remediation that follows — may ultimately be the greatest accomplishment of Tim Walz's political career. A 2025 California State Auditor's report put that state's benefit fraud at more than \$70 billion.

Among the largest programs that have been exploited are Medicare and Medicaid. For too long, unscrupulous healthcare providers have used strategies such as medical identity theft, billing for unnecessary services or items, billing for services not furnished, upcoding, unbundling and kickbacks

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CHRIS SWECKER - FOX NEWS

to unfairly profit from Medicaid programs. According to the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association, about 3% — roughly \$300 billion — of healthcare spending is lost to fraud annually. That's a bonfire fueled by taxpayer dollars.

The Minnesota scandal has at long last brought this seedy situation into full public view and, ironically, may become the catalyst for initiatives that finally staunch the long-standing hemorrhage of taxpayer funds. A sleeping giant has been awakened: taxpayer outrage and an administration now under pressure to act. Minnesota will be ground zero to unleash the FBI, IRS and various inspectors general, who have long been limited to chasing whistleblower complaints one by one in a wasteful game of whack-a-mole. Reliance on sporadic tipsters is not an effective way to confront systemic fraud.

Make no mistake, significant indict-

ments will follow for years to come because of the Minnesota benefits crime tsunami. Arresting and prosecuting criminals works — it deters future crime. But law enforcement is the tail end of the process. The real failure comes earlier: programs must be administered responsibly, and crimes must be detected before the money is gone. The ancient Greek tragedian Sophocles famously said, "What is not sought will go undetected." That maxim applies perfectly to fraud schemes draining taxpayer funds.

What federal prosecutors have described as "industrial-level" fraud was predictable and detectable. States willing to use modern tools — especially artificial intelligence — will find it. Simple steps, such as allowing the U.S. Treasury Department's "Do Not Pay" system to cross-check beneficiaries against Social Security death records, were implemented only recently. Meanwhile, financial institutions and insurance carriers have used data analytics — now marketed as AI — for decades to prevent fraud. Banks deploy predictive analytics, anomaly detection and network analysis because they have a financial incentive to do so.

Although CMS and other stakeholders have attempted to install safeguards, evidence suggests Medicaid programs are still losing billions. Traditional "pay and chase" approaches remain ineffective.

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# Yes, we need Trump's \$1.5 trillion defense budget

Finally, the United States will follow through on its NATO commitments.

That'd be the cheeky interpretation of President Donald Trump's announcement, via Truth Social, that he wants the U.S. defense budget to be \$1.5 trillion. This would represent a stunning 50% increase over the current budget and put the U.S. right around 5% of GDP, the target level that NATO countries recently adopted at Trump's insistence.

The details and follow-through will matter, but on its own terms, the Trump declaration is of epic significance.

Such a historic buildup would meet the moment -- it's never made sense that the U.S. would enter a period of heightened risk of great power conflict at a time when it has difficulty replenishing its missile stocks.

It would match the predilections of a president who enjoys throwing his weight around. If Trump wants to speak loudly and carry a big stick, it requires the resources to build and maintain the stick.

And it would match his vision of a world-class military. You can't have a Golden Dome -- Trump's project for an enhanced missile defense -- or a Golden Fleet -- his notion of a next-generation navy -- without a Golden Defense Budget.

The scale of spending contemplated here is truly astounding. A \$500 billion increase would roughly match the total

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annual spending of all non-U.S. NATO countries. The percentage increase would be the highest since the Korean War and double the biggest annual increases of the Reagan years.

"We still talk about the Reagan buildup," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said in a speech last month, "and my kids and yours will someday talk about the Trump buildup."

The Trump proposal would not just be a down payment on that promise, but a big step toward fulfilling it.

If our military is highly proficient -- as demonstrated in the Venezuela raid -- it also doesn't have the materiel to wage a protracted major war.

Defense analyst Mackenzie Eaglin of the American Enterprise Institute has long been ringing the alarm. She recent-

ly noted that during the short Israel-Iran war, we fired 150, or one-quarter, of our THAAD missiles, exceeding our annual purchase rate by three times. In the Red Sea, the Navy fired more Tomahawks in January 2024 than it bought in all of 2023.

These shortfalls, as Eaglin points out, are especially disturbing when compared to the building capacity of our adversaries. Whereas the Russians make more than 300,000 artillery shells a month, we make only 40,000 155mm shells. "Beijing builds six naval combatant ships," she writes, "for every 1.8 ships the U.S. builds."

Even The New York Times -- not known for beating the drums for more defense spending -- devoted a splashy editorial last month to the sorry state of our military-industrial base.

In his new book, "War and Power," scholar Phillips Payson O'Brien relates how wars between great powers are usually not won by brilliant battle plans, or by the commitment or proficiency of the troops. Rather, it is productive capacity -- and the ability to degrade that of the enemy while maintaining or increasing your own -- that makes the difference.

The Nazis weren't going to win the Battle of Britain when the Brits were producing twice as many aircraft as Hitler.

On top of this, a nation needs to make

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## A knife, a button and a mystery find

In the area I am now working on the artifacts found are few and far between. What artifacts I do find are either damaged or extremely rusted.

This combination makes it even harder for me to identify. This week's photos are no exception. Photo number three has not been identified.

I'm patiently waiting for some nice days to arrive so that I can get back out to my site. I'm not sure whether the ground is frozen or not. If it is, I just may be waiting quite a while.

#1 - What is left of an old iron kitchen knife.

#2 - A large 4 hole bone button. This button is quite old. Most likely a coat button.

#3 - This is what is known as a "Bobby Dazzler," in

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other words I have no idea. Do you?

Respectfully Submitted by:  
19Jan2026 - Henry Roekers



#2



#1



#3

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## 140 years ago... Ku Klux Klan type organization in Garnett?

### THAT WAS THEN



PAULA SCOTT - REVIEW HISTORY COLUMNIST

### Historical gleanings from past local newspapers.

#### 1876 - 150 years ago

January 28 - A regular old-fashioned spelling match in the courthouse next Friday night, January 28. A valuable prize for the best speller, and a pint of peanuts for the poorest speller. All the spellers in the county are invited. Come out and let us have a good time. Admission, 10c.; proceeds for the benefit of the U. P. church.

#### 1886 - 140 years ago

January 22 - Is there an organization in this city, patterned after the Ku Klux Klan? Several citizens have very strong ideas that such is the case.

January 22 - One dance last week broke the monotony of existence.

#### 1896 - 130 years ago

January 24 - The city dads have fitted up the east half of the jail for a calaboose and have renovated and kalsomined that portion of it. Hereafter, tramps will be given a warm place to spend the night, instead of sleeping in haystacks and mows.

January 24 - The city is putting a door in the east wall of the jail and fitting the east half up for a city prison, as per understanding it had with the county commissioners last week. This arrangement will keep the city and the county prisoners separate.

January 24 - Union gospel meetings are being held each day and evening in the city. Miss Edith Hill speaks at the auditorium every night to crowded houses. She is an earnest talker and thoroughly dedicated to the Master's work. We urge the Christian people of all churches to attend these meetings.

#### 1906 - 120 years ago

January 26 - Last Saturday, Mr. Hamilton, who was trying to repair a leak in the big gas pipes, sustained a very painful injury by being hit in the head by a stone that was thrown out by the escaping gas. The stone struck him on the forehead just above the right eye, cutting a gash about two inches long. He was taken to Dr. Kirkpatrick's office, where the wound was dressed.

January 27 - The basketball game at the Opera house last night between Garnett and Greeley was largely attended. The young ladies of Garnett won easily by a score of 24 to 4. The young ladies cleared about \$20 from the game.

#### 1916 - 110 years ago

January 27 - The Jolly Janes met with Miss Lucy Barndt Tuesday evening. Owing to the bad weather, the attendance was not as large as usual, but those who were there had a very delightful time. Fancy work occupied part of the time, and Victrola music added pleasure to the occasion. The hostess served a very dainty luncheon.

#### 1926 - 100 years ago

January 28 - The meetings at the First Baptist church are "running in high." The house is filled every night, and the Spirit of God is moving among the people. There's a great message every night.

#### 1936 - 90 years ago

January 23 - With the completion yesterday of a \$5,000 pumping station and sewage line, all of Garnett is now served by the new disposal plant south of town. The project completed under the WPA eliminates the former north disposal plant. It is expected that the twenty-five men who were employed on the project will be transferred to the graveling on the county road northeast from the Garnett cemetery. Luke Wilper was foreman of the sewage project.



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Circa January 2016 - ACHS's Chase Ratliff eyes the basket for a final shot a second before half-time of the Bulldog/Bishop Ward Cyclone game Friday during the Baldwin Tournament.

#### 1966 - 60 years ago

January 27 - Garnett city commissioners Monday gave tentative approval to two major planting projects at the city park surrounding Lake Garnett and discussed with the city's park board and representatives of the Sunset Garden club details of the projects.

#### 1976 - 50 years ago

January 22 - The city's mid-winter clean-up will be held during the week of Jan. 26-30.

#### 2016 - 10 years ago

January 26 - A homeless man, barefoot and suffering from frostbite, and wanted on suspicion of fleeing from law enforcement after a camper theft days earlier, apparently walked into a local convenience store early Friday morning straight into the warm, welcoming arms of the law. Donnie Hill, 46, whose last known address was in Arizona, was the last of three people arrested last week after a series of thefts throughout the region Tuesday, Jan. 19.

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Jordan Miller and Aidan Steele were crowned ACHS Homecoming King & Queen during Friday night's game against Santa Fe Trail.

## Hyatt Club met 1/13

Hyatt Club is back in full form for 2026 January 13, RoseMary Turner and Sherry Benjamin were the hostesses. Sherry wasn't able to attend. She did her part helping from afar, the Hyatt club meeting must go on. 17 members attended at El Jimador.

Mystery gifts were guessed by Linda and Dorothy Miller. Hostess gifts were won by Diane Hastert and Shirley Benjamin. Kathy Waring and Dawn Hatfield were given gifts by their secret pals wishing them a Happy 2026. Birthday gifts for the month of January were given to the birthday girls Mary Ann Umbarger and RoseMary Turner from

their secret pals. Everyone received nice gifts.

The minutes were read by Diane Hastert and she gave the treasurer's report. No old or new business was discussed that I am aware of. We enjoyed our lunch as always. Diane blessed us with Kansas trivia and she had OLD flash cards on the different counties and other fun facts. She keeps us educated, we had a participation award, an Andes Mint, so it was worth it.

Dawn volunteered for the month of February the 10th at El Jimador. Valentine week. A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you!

*Secretary, Becky King*

## Univ of Wisconsin-Madison announces fall Dean's List

MADISON, WI - The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized Garnett's Addyson Ladewig, College of Letters

and Science, as she was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

## Area Washburn University fall 2025 President's List honorees

TOPEKA - Washburn University is pleased to announce its President's List honorees for the fall 2025 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

The following area students were honored:

Connor Burkdoll of Princeton, Ruth Burkdoll of Garnett, Sydney Evans of Ottawa, Fisher Galey of Greeley, Layla Jordan of Pomona, Emery Keebaugh of Ottawa, Sylvia Payne of Ottawa, Ayvee Richardson of Ottawa, Makayla Testorff of Ottawa, and Erich Woodruff of Pomona.

## Area students graduate from Washburn University

TOPEKA - Washburn University is pleased to announce the students in its fall 2025 graduating class. These students completed their courses for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees - 678 total from Washburn University, Washburn University School of Law

and Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech).

Area students graduating include: Colbie Cormode of Westphalia, Emma Leach of Williamsburg, Jon-Wesley O'Hara of Ottawa, Cassandra Vickery of Wellsville and Austin Zavala of Ottawa.

## Peine graduates from Univ. Central Arkansas

CONWAY, AR - Chaylin Peine of Parker graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business from

the University of Central Arkansas. The ceremony was held Dec. 11-12, in the Farris Center on campus.



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Masons Delphian Lodge 44 presented a check to assist the Westphalia Lions on their Parks Equipment project. Pictured front row, from left: Amanda Bohannon, Mike Norman, Randy Teter, President Olivia Lehmann, Jerry

Smith. Back row, from left: Carl Nichols, Bernie Huss, Arden Payer, Jim Mechnig, Les Thomas, Glenn Duvall, Tom Young, David Poire, Larry Dieker, Dan Highberger.

## Tyson updates constituents on property taxes, welfare fraud, and early session priorities

January 16, 2026

...and they're off. Well, that's what the first week of session was like. Committee meetings were the big focus. The Governor's State of the State was also the first week of session, which was unusual. Who knows why she gave her last one early in session. Most likely because she has heard what most legislators have heard - it is going to be a short session because a few in leadership are running for statewide office. The Senate President has said it will not be a shortened session and that we will use the 90 days as defined in the Kansas Constitution (even numbered years can only last 90 days). That is good because there is plenty of work.

Property Taxes have reached a boiling point. The appraisal system is not always accurate, and some local government officials

continue to deny that there were property tax increases - when we all know we are paying more. The Senate Tax Committee had hearings on Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1616, Cap Assessment-value Protection (CAP) Amendment, to cap your annual assessment value increases to 3% or less with a base year of 2022, and the capped assessment value would transfer with the property when it sells. The CAP Amendment is a constitutional amendment that would help rein in sudden property tax jumps on individual properties.

The Governor was silent on property taxes in her State of the State speech. As you know, it takes a supermajority in each chamber for a constitutional amendment and then a vote of the people. Other legislation takes a simple majority in both chambers and the

Governor or a supermajority to override a Governor's veto. It took a few years to pass income tax cuts, including exempting Social Security from state income tax and a property tax freeze for seniors in need and disabled veterans. I am working diligently with numerous colleagues to achieve property tax relief and to repair a broken system.

Redistricting it appears there are not enough legislators who want to tackle redistricting of U.S. Congressional seats in Kansas. There has been much national attention on the issue, and several states are moving forward on the effort - red and blue states. It is not to be taken lightly, and it appears it will not happen in Kansas.

Waste and Fraud have national attention. Concerns about welfare fraud in Kansas, fueled

by taxpayer frustration and high-profile cases like Minnesota, are resulting in much needed increased reporting and investigations. SNAP (food stamps) and TANF (welfare cash assistance) benefit cards have been hacked in Kansas with card readers that steal card numbers and PINs, allowing a clone card to drain the funds. In Kansas, it's mainly being reported in the KC and Wichita areas.

KSLegislature.gov has bill information, a list of legislators, videos of committee meetings and floor debates, and much more available information. My email address is Caryn.Tyson@Senate.KS.gov or phone number during session is 785.296.6838.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 12th District State Senator.

*Caryn Tyson*

## RECORDS...

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09/25/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Terri A Duncan in the amount of \$156.00, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 08/08/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Jessica Nicole Duncan in the amount of \$234.00, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 8/13/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Christina R Finney in the amount of \$195.00, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 09/25/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Lane Kimball in the amount of \$260.00, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 08/08/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Jerry Kirk West, III in the amount of \$466.97, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 09/24/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Jose Velez in the amount of \$227.50, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 09/25/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

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The City of Garnett has filed suit against Linda L Scheckel in the amount of \$162.50, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 09/25/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Breanna Godfrey, Et Al in the amount of \$805.49, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 07/26/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

The City of Garnett has filed suit against Anthony Hansen in the amount of \$234.00, plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 08/20/2025, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such other relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

## Tri-Ko's Chester to retire

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to take Greenland by imposing tariffs on the European Union because the Nobel Prize Committee in Norway would not award him the peace prize. What a ridiculous example of childish behavior to display to the world.

nal networks.

A fair debate will continue to revolve around the distractions created by Trump's excessive and even childish style, but there is no debate about the results of his intriguing composite of personality, ability, and vision of greatness for America. Year two, here we come. ###

## LETTERS...

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repeating what someone told them whom they trusted. I was one of those. I trusted my preacher. It was a mistake on my part. We should take heed of Paul's advice in 2 Timothy 2:15.

"Here is the perseverance of the Saints. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ." Rev. 14:12

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*Corky Wilson, Greeley*

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**  
 11:00 a.m. - Garnett Lions Club Chili & Soup Supper  
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)  
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Chili & Soup Supper  
 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 23, 2026**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**  
 11:00 a.m. - Stay & Play for preschoolers & their caregivers @ Garnett Library

**Monday, January 26, 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 w/Jenelle  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime hosted by Garnett Public Library  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett City Commission Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 6:30 p.m. - Awana  
 6:30 p.m. - Book Discussion hosted by the Garnett Library

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Senior Center  
 6:00 p.m. - GACC Annual Awards Banquet  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, January 16, 2026**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga



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 On January 14, Crest had their school spelling bee. Sixth grader Lainey Church will represent Crest at the County spelling bee on Friday, January 30th at Anderson County High School. Picture on right: On left Suri Brothers (runner-up) and Lainey Church. The rest of the Spelling Bee participants, pictured above. Front row, from left: Hattie Walter, Knox Morrison, Tyler Edgerton, Dawson Ramsey, Lorelai Bonnett, Brody Roach. Back row, from left: Lainey Church, Skylar Valentine, Wilder Schooler, Kasen Brand, Lukas Taylor & Suri Brothers.



## PSRT discussing 30th anniversary celebration

Twenty five members and six guests (Travis Wilson, Kris Hix, Trent McCown, James Manning, Benjamin Hutchison and Jeffrey Bender) were present at the January 14, 2026 Prairie Spirit Rail Trail meeting held at the Garnett Public Library.

Plans were discussed for the June 6, 2026 30th PSRT Anniversary Celebration. It was also announced that the PSRT Golf Cart Rides would be June 10, 2026 and rain date of June 11, 2026.

Helen Norman and Donna Flamez were appointed as the nominat-

ing committee to get officers for the 2026 year. Dues of \$10.00 a person are being collected.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the library or weather permitting at the depot

## Saint Luke's launches Walk with a Doc Program in Garnett

Dr. Mackenzie Peterson is encouraging Anderson County residents to take a step toward better health with Walk with a Doc, a health program that brings doctors and patients together to walk every second Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM at Lake Garnett Park. Participants can meet for the event at the rock stadium. In case of inclement weather, walking events will be held in Garnett Recreation Center. The first event will take place on February 8, 2026.

Walk with a Doc is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire communities through movement and conversation. Peterson is a physician with St. Luke's Health System and Anderson County Hospital in Garnett.

"This program has had tremendous participation and success in hundreds of cities around the world," said Dr. Peterson. "I'm very pleased to bring this exciting and simple program to Garnett as it has shown such improved health

results for countless people around the world."

The Walk is open to the community. Participation is free and pre-registration is not required. Walkers will enjoy a refreshing and rejuvenating walk with Dr. Peterson and other healthcare professionals, who will provide support to participants and answer questions during the walk.

"Walk with a Doc is honored to team up with Dr. Peterson. By incorporating this program, healthcare providers are demonstrating an exceptional level of care and commitment to their community," said Dr. David Sabgir, founder of Walk with a Doc.

"There's no question that increasing exercise, even moderately, reduces the risks of many diseases, including coronary heart disease, breast and colon cancer and Type 2 diabetes," said Dr. Peterson. "Research has even shown that you could gain two hours of life for each hour that you exercise regularly."

## Reyes names to Dean's List

ELDORADO - Nathan Reyes of Garnett was named to the fall 2025 Dean's List at Butler Community College. To be named on the President's Honor Roll, students must have earned a 4.0 GPA, and students on the Dean's List earned a 3.50 - 3.99 GPA.

## Peine named to Dean's List

CONWAY, ARKANSAS - Chaylin Peine of Parker was named to the fall 2025 Dean's List at the University of Central Arkansas. Peine was among more than 1,600 students named to the fall 2025 Dean's List. Eligibility on the Dean's List requires at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum course load of 12 credit hours.

## Walter wins Senior Center pitch

Our crowd was a little smaller this week but we still had a great time playing cards, visiting and eating snacks. Top spot went to Ron Walter who won six of ten games as did four other players. Paula Walter won the 50/50 draw and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games. Jan Wards had the most hands of 13 with two.

Please join us Thursday evening promptly at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center for 10 games of 13-point pitch. Players are to bring a snack for the group to enjoy. Always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting

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# Crest Schools release semester honor rolls

**Crest Middle School 1st Semester All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**2nd Grade**  
 Lola Church, Treyton Church, Lawson Holloway, Tommy Thompson.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**2nd Grade**  
 Andrew Attebery, Maddox Bain, Matthias Birks, Kwynn Church, Major Coleman, Brodie Fry, Nova Starr, Lorali Valentine, Stormi Yoder.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**3rd Grade**  
 Maysyn Bain, Josie Ball, Lorelai Bonnett, Rollie Boone, Reid Brand, Zayne Francis, Jasmine Miller, Klancee Miller, Kendryx Nilges, Hayden Powell, Brody Roach, Colten Ryback, Laney Starr, Stetson Womelsdorf.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**3rd Grade**  
 Cooper Caudell, Adelynn Fulton, Harrison Matthew, Madisyn McKinney, Aurora Parks, MaKenna Sitler, Domino Slyter.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**4th Grade**  
 Kanyon Blaufuss, Tatum Caudell, Virgil O'Bannon, Jaxen Wilson.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**4th Grade**  
 Emmylou Birks, Colton Boone, Ike Cochrane, Brett Gilbreth, Claire Holloway, Jessa Ivy, Knox Morrison, Addelyn Valentine, Trax Vermillion, Riverlee Wallace, Kain Walter.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**5th Grade**  
 Avery Carroll, Harper Donovan, Tyler Edgerton, Bud Sanchez, Skylar Valentine.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**5th Grade**  
 Hadley Church-Miller, Jhett Cochrane, Darnell Ellis, Hayden Frye, Owen McKinney, Penny Womelsdorf, Amelia Parks, Jase Romines, Logan Ryback, Madilynn Sanchez, Lorelai Womelsdorf.  
**Crest Middle School 2025-2026 1st Semester All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**6th Grade**  
 Maylee Bain, Nicole Bain, Vincent Bonnett, Lainey Church, Nash Holloway, Hudson Powell, Hattie Walter, EmmaLee Womelsdorf.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**6th Grade**

Hannah Ivy, Raelynn Mason, Kreed Miller, McKayla Powell, Sadie Ramsey, Dustin Smith, Braxton Valentine, Ari West.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**7th Grade**  
 Bailey Boone, Suri Brothers, Aidynn Edgerton, Trent Luedke, Klaire Nilges, Wilder Schooler.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**7th Grade**  
 Haven Berntsen, Piper Schmidt, Brier Valentine.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**8th Grade**  
 Jordan Allen, Aubrey Ellington, Haylee Powell, Kroy Walter.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
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 Lynnex Allen, Ella Beebe, Kasen Brand, Dillon Fermyn, Addison Stewart.  
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**9th Grade**  
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**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**9th Grade**  
 Chloe Burnett, Danielle Burnett, Noah DeTar.  
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**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**10th Grade**  
 Grady Allen.  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**11th Grade**  
 None.  
**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**11th Grade**  
 Preston Blaufuss, Tristan Boone, Xander Fuller, Kamryn Jones, Wyatt Robb, Harlowe Rush, Hanna Schmidt, Jaycee Schmidt, Lane Yocham  
**All A Superintendent's Honor Roll:**  
**12th Grade**  
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**Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B):**  
**12th Grade**  
 Aubrey Allen, Jensen Barker, Kimora Coleman, Lizzie Ellington, Kameron Erbert, McKenna Powell, Kinley Romines, Peyton Schmidt, Allison Weatherman, Henry White.

# CATS...

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most often associated with wooded and brushy landscapes, particularly where different habitats intersect. KDWP describes preferred habitat as shrubby field edges, wooded draws, ravines, rocky ledges, and riparian corridors along streams and rivers. These areas provide both concealment and access to prey.

Wildlife biologists note bobcats tend to avoid crossing wide, open ground when possible, instead moving along fencerows, creek bottoms, and timbered edges. This behavior explains why they are frequently detected by trail cameras but seldom observed in daylight.

Bobcats are strict carnivores, and their diet in Kansas reflects what is

most abundant on the landscape. KDWP identifies cottontail rabbits as the primary prey species statewide. Rodents such as rats, woodrats, and squirrels also make up a significant portion of their diet, along with birds.

More opportunistic prey — including muskrats, beaver, porcupines, and occasionally deer — are taken less frequently. The Kansas Mammal Atlas notes that deer are not a staple food source but may be consumed under certain conditions.

Bobcat breeding in Kansas generally occurs from late winter through early summer, though KDWP notes they are capable of breeding at nearly any time of year. Most litters are born between March and July. Gestation

lasts approximately 50 to 70 days, with an average just over two months. Litter sizes in Kansas typically average two to three kittens, though the Mammal Atlas documents litters ranging from one to six, with two being most common.

Kittens nurse for about two months and are usually weaned by three months of age. Young bobcats may remain with the female for several additional months as they learn to hunt before dispersing.

Kansas does not publish a precise population estimate for bobcats in eastern Kansas, but multiple indicators show a healthy and widespread population.

During the 2023-24 trapping season, KDWP tagged 2,185 bobcats statewide, with harvests recorded in

97 of Kansas' 105 counties. While harvest data do not translate directly into total population numbers, wildlife officials use those figures as an index showing distribution and long-term stability.

Combined with decades of verified records in the Kansas Mammal Atlas, the data suggest bobcats are firmly established across eastern Kansas, particularly where suitable cover and prey remain available.

For most residents, the bobcat will remain an unseen neighbor — slipping along creek lines at night or passing silently through timbered edges — but wildlife officials say their quiet presence is another sign of a functioning and diverse ecosystem in rural Kansas.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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### Notice to creditors - Lickteig Trust

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 15, 2026.)

In the Matter of the  
 Margareta Lickteig Living Trust  
 Dated September 12, 2023,  
 And any amendments thereto  
 (Now Irrevocable Trust)

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Grantor of the above-named Trust Agreement, Margareta Lickteig, passed away on the 26th of November, 2025, in Allen County, Kansas, being a resident of Anderson County, Kansas. All parties interested in the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust dated September 12, 2023, and any amendments thereto, (now an Irrevocable Trust), shall govern themselves accord-

ingly. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Trust within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Said demands shall be delivered, in writing, to the office of the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust dated September 12, 2023, Trustee as follows: First Option Bank, Successor Trustee, of the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust, 702 Baptiste Drive, Paola, Kansas, 66071.

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### Notice of Suit - Conaway Heirs

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 22, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

HGRF Trust  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 The Heirs at Law of Ann Conaway, deceased; Rena A. Berger; Rhonda Martin; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),  
 Defendants.

Case No. AN-2026-CV-000001  
 Court Number:  
 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

#### 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, successors, 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 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:

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# COLDEST..

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summaries compiled by the National Weather Service and Kansas State University document readings of -32 degrees in Manhattan, -27 degrees in Salina, -29 degrees near Olathe, and -22 degrees in Wichita. The storm paralyzed transportation, killed livestock, and isolated rural communities for days.

One of the deadliest winter events in Kansas history occurred during the January blizzards of 1886. According to National Weather Service historical accounts, a series of snowstorms followed by brutal cold swept across the plains. With limited forecasting and sparse shelter on the frontier, it is estimated that between 50 and 100 Kansans died from exposure, many while attempting to reach shelter or while trapped in rudimentary homes during whiteout conditions.

Cold-related deaths have not been confined to the 19th century. While modern forecasting and infrastructure have greatly reduced risk, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and National Weather Service records show that hypothermia deaths still occur occasion-

ally, particularly among individuals exposed to prolonged cold outdoors. For example, news reports citing local law enforcement and medical examiners documented a hypothermia death in western Kansas in 2016 during a period of extreme cold and wind chills.

Meteorologists emphasize that wind chill, not just air temperature, often poses the greatest danger. The National Weather Service notes that wind chills below zero can cause frostbite in minutes and significantly increase the risk of hypothermia.

Kansas' geography leaves it especially vulnerable to Arctic air intrusions. With few natural barriers, cold air masses from Canada can surge south across the plains with little resistance, producing sudden and severe temperature drops — conditions that forecasters continue to monitor closely during winter months.

As cold weather returns to the region, weather officials remind Kansans that while record-breaking cold is rare, extreme winter conditions remain dangerous, especially for motorists, outdoor workers, pets, livestock, and those without reliable heat.

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# HEARING..

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since receiving certification in early 2024. That expansion of staffing to more than 500 employees in 30 locations across the 6-county service area brought with it a compensation package of more than \$800,000 for Fawson and hundreds of thousands in pay and benefits for several among the SEK executive team. It also got attention from county commissioners who appoint members to the SEKMHC board of trustees. Most county commissions in the district opted to withdraw their county tax subsidy payments to the organization for 2026, which averaged a

little less than \$100,000 each per county. Fawson told legislators SEK was "significantly underpaying" staff prior to certification, and that higher salaries for front line therapists and other staffers were required in order to attract quality service providers to fit SEK's plan to expand and offer more integrated care. That plan included the February 2023 purchase of Ashley Clinic and February 2025 purchase of Yates Center Dental Clinic. He said Ashley Clinic had applied for a "look alike" federal reimbursement designation formerly known as a Federal Qualified Health Center which would also expand revenues by allow-

ing for a prospective payment system for Medicaid/Medicare, but that designation had not yet been granted. Fifth District Rep. Fred Gardner (R-Garnett) questioned Fawson on the make-up and management of SEK and Ashley Clinic's application for FQHC status, noting Kansas law required county commissioners to appoint mental health center boards of trustees, while FQHC's fell under federal guidance that require 51 percent of those boards to be made up of community members receiving services there. "That appears to be quite incompatible," Gardner said. "How are we going to deal with that?"

"We feel confident that our governance structure meets both the state and the federal criteria," Fawson said. He said it would take about a year to find out if the FQHC designation was approved for Ashley, and if so, criteria would have to be in place that directed county commissioners to appoint board members with consideration to whether they were receiving FQHA services. If Ashley did not qualify as an FQHC, Fawson said later, Ashley Clinic might be closed. Gardner also noted the contrast between SEKMHC salaries and that of others in the state's regional mental health system, which said he figured were some

4-5 times those of other mental health districts. Fawson said boosting salaries and attracting qualified providers was a focus of a consultant with an initial grant to pursue the CCBHC designation, and that SEKMHC met the 50th percentile of the consultant's recommended range over a period of years. Committee chair Will Carpenter (R-El Dorado) questioned Fawson on SEK's legal authority to operate Ashley Clinic. Fawson didn't reply directly, but said the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services had documented changes in Ashley's billing for services and later in its direction for it not to bill services.

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts prohibits a general business entity from the practice of medicine by employing or contracting with physicians, with certain statutory exceptions. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) most often allows for a Partner model in which the entity performs required screening/monitoring as a CCBHC, but delivers broader primary care through a relationship with an FQHC, physician group or hospital-owned clinic. Carpenter asked Fawson to provide an explicit documentation of that authority to the committee at a later date.

# PETITION...

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district voters in a subsequent election. The school presently has about 43 students, with 19 half-day pre-K attendees in classes already slated for relocation to Garnett Elementary Center next year. USD 365 as a whole has seen enrollment declines as well from nearly 1,100 students in 2014 to 860 in 2025, which have created space board members say can be utilized at Garnett Elementary Center by housing the Greeley students. A little more than half the students enrolled at Greeley live in Garnett,

district records show. Most's closure plan included no reduction in staff and delayed its mainstay of financial savings until those staff members presumably leave due to attrition several years from the proposed closure date at the end of this school year. Most told attendees at the public hearing enrollment declines anticipated for the coming school year will mean a \$242,000 reduction in state revenue for USD 365. Expenditures per pupil at Greeley are nearly \$32,000. Most said in a presentation at the hearing, with per

head costs at Westphalia Elementary close behind at almost \$30,000. Student costs at Garnett Elementary come in at about \$16,000, the report said. That report said it presently costs \$1 million per year in staff and facility costs to operate the school at Greeley, with the highest cost in salaries and benefits. Opponents of the move can force a Kansas Board of Education review of the board's closure resolution if at least 5% of registered voters in the district sign the petition within 45 days of the resolution's January 13 adoption. The state board

will then issue an advisory determination on whether the closure is "reasonable under the totality of the circumstances" and may recommend modifying or rescinding the resolution. If a review is requested, the district board must hold a new public hearing to either reapprove, modify or rescind the closure resolution after that hearing. Organizers planned a number of petition locations and carriers, with an event set at the Archer Room of the Garnett Public Library this Sunday, Jan. 25.

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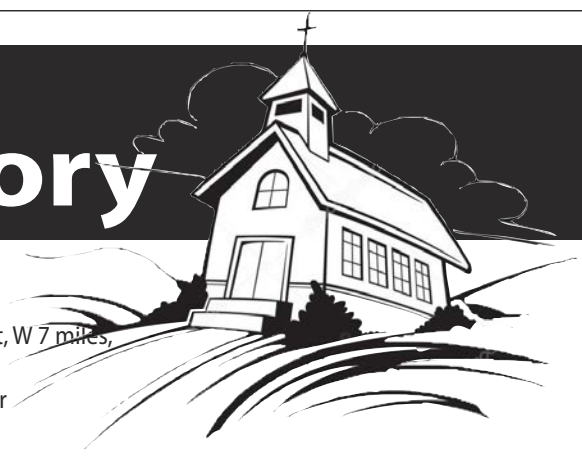
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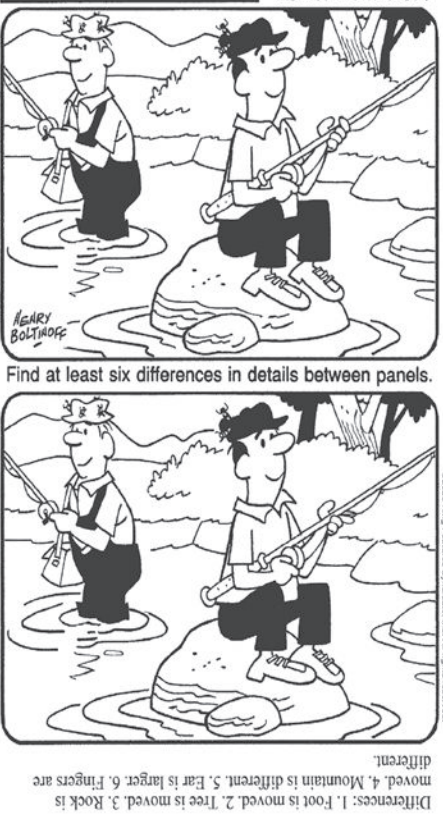
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## CryptoQuip

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Clue: V equals L

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B T U S R N D B X N U P B S R B T Z

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**ACROSS**

1 Bump into  
5 Small batteries  
8 Gush  
12 Jai —  
13 Wall St. deal  
14 Abhor  
15 Fish story  
16 X, at times  
17 " — the picture!"  
18 Chevy model  
20 Rhine feeder  
22 Kindergarten follower  
26 Defy authority  
29 Make lace  
30 PBS funder  
31 Grand Ole —  
32 Doubtfire or Miniver  
33 Dele undoer  
34 Corp. boss  
35 "Give — break!"  
36 Main ideas  
37 Renewed energy  
40 "Trust Exercise" author Susan  
41 Verdi works  
45 Tactic  
47 Coffee vessel  
49 Crimson Tide, briefly  
50 Anger  
51 French pronoun  
52 Mellowed

**DOWN**

1 Polite query  
2 Biblical kingdom  
3 Lawman Wyatt  
4 "30 Rock" creator  
5 Wedding setting  
6 Prez on a penny  
7 Piano compositions  
8 Bake eggs  
9 Christmas shows  
10 Arles summer  
11 Drenched  
19 Like Abner  
21 Literary rep  
23 Milkshake insert  
24 Bug spray ingredient  
25 Diner grub  
26 Mythical birds  
27 Duel tool  
28 Veggie with florets  
32 T-shirt sizes  
33 Courtroom huddle

35 6 on a phone  
36 Econ. measure  
38 "But of course!"  
39 Ancient Greek region  
42 Sitarist's music  
43 From the U.S. singer  
44 "Maureen" expert  
45 Expert  
46 Ad- — (improvise)  
48 Shad product

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by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat called?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in "Gilmore Girls"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Appalachian Trail cross?
- MOVIES: Which actress voices the character Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's death?
- ANATOMY: What is the most abundant protein in the human body?
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## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Dismal 2. Enjoy  
3. Cringe 4. Swipe

Answers

1. A doe or nanny  
2. Stars Hollow  
3. 14  
4. Joan Cusack  
5. Acute gastroenteritis  
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8. "Red Dragon" by Thomas Harris  
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Crest senior Peyton Schmidt was recently selected to the 2025 Class 1A All-State Cross Country team. Schmidt placed in the top 15 at the state meet each of her 4 seasons of high school competition.

# Lady Lancers roll past Altoona-Midway

COLONY - The Crest varsity girls basketball team delivered a dominant performance Tuesday night, January 13, overwhelming Altoona-Midway 74-11 in a home conference matchup. It's not often that a 63-point win could be described as not even being as close as the final score indicates, but that shows how much the Lady Lancers truly dominated this contest. Crest wasted no time taking control, racing out to a 29-1 lead after the first quarter and extending the margin to 55-3 by halftime. The Lancers defensive pressure and balanced scoring kept Altoona-Midway from finding any rhythm throughout the night. With a bevy of reserves playing and the outcome not in doubt, Altoona-

Midway outscored Crest 6-5 in the third before Crest outscored them 14-2 in the fourth to seal the lopsided win. Aylee Beckmon led all scorers with 23 points, shooting an efficient 11-of-17 from the floor while also added 10 steals and 4 assists. Josie Walter added 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting. Crest's depth was on full display, with 11 different players scoring. Summer Valentine contributed 12 points, while Kinley Edgerton added 10. As a team, Crest shot 45 percent from the field (36-of-80), controlled the glass with 39 total rebounds and also had 33 team steals on the evening. The win moved Crest to 8-1 on the season.

# Vikings Troy Prosser earns Dual Kansas Coach of the Year honors in 2025

Courtesy of USD 288 Facebook

The Kansas City Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association (KCCTFCA) has named Central Heights Head Coach Troy Prosser the 2025 Class 2A Coach of the Year in both Track and Field and Cross Country, an exceptional achievement recognizing excellence across two sports in the same year. Coach Prosser earned

the Track and Field honor following a standout spring season in which the Central Heights Boys Track and Field team captured the Class 2A State Championship in May 2025. In the fall, Coach Prosser was also recognized as KCCTFCA Class 2A Coach of the Year for Cross Country after leading the Boys Cross Country



Prosser

team to a third-place finish at the Class 2A State Championships. The podium finish came after the program graduated five of its top seven runners from the previous season. The team had previously won back-to-back state championships in 2023 and 2024. This marks the fourth time Coach Prosser has received

KCCTFCA Coach of the Year recognition in Cross Country and his first time earning the honor in Track and Field. Earning Coach of the Year awards in two sports during the same year highlights Coach Prosser's impact on student-athletes. Central Heights proudly congratulates Coach Troy Prosser and the Boys Track and Field and Cross Country teams on an outstanding year!

# Jayhawk Linn downs the Lady Vikings

MOUND CITY — Jayhawk Linn put together a commanding all-around performance Thursday night, rolling to a 56-13 home conference victory over Central Heights. The Jayhawks set the tone early, jumping out to a 27-1 lead by the end of the

first quarter. Central Heights found more offensive rhythm in the second quarter, but Jayhawk Linn still carried a 38-9 advantage into halftime after outscoring them 11-8 in the period. Jayhawk Linn continued to control the game

after the break, outscoring the Vikings 12-4 in the third quarter and closing with a 6-0 fourth quarter to secure the decisive win. Central Heights struggled to find consistent scoring opportunities against the Jayhawks' defensive pressure, finishing the

night 4-of-24 from the field. The Vikings were led by Macy Cubit with five points, while Makenzie Moon added four. Central Heights also faced turnover issues, committing 34 turnovers for the game.

# Bulldogs hold off Santa Fe Trail at home

GARNETT - The Anderson County Bulldogs closed strong in the fourth quarter Friday night, January 16, securing a 72-67 home victory over Santa Fe Trail in a tightly contested matchup in Garnett. The game was competitive from the opening tip. Anderson County took a narrow 16-15 lead after the first quarter, but Santa Fe Trail answered with a

strong second period, outscoring the Bulldogs 22-20 to take a 37-36 advantage into halftime. Both teams continued to trade baskets in the third quarter, with Santa Fe Trail holding a slim edge after a 13-11 frame to lead 50-47 heading into the final period. Anderson County responded with its best offensive quarter of the night when it mat-

tered most, pouring in 25 points in the fourth to rally past Santa Fe Trail, which scored 22 in the final eight minutes. Brylan Sommer led the Bulldogs with 21 points, including 15 in the second half as Anderson County surged late. Brayden Wheat followed closely with 20 points, knocking down four three-pointers in the first half to keep the Bulldogs

within striking distance early. Dylan Hoffman added 13 points, while Aidan Steele contributed 11. Beau Howey rounded out the scoring with two points. The Bulldogs' balanced scoring and late-game execution proved decisive as they outscored Santa Fe Trail 25-17 in the fourth quarter to seal the five-point win.

# Bulldogs wrestlers compete at Wellsville

WELLSVILLE - The Anderson County Bulldog wrestlers traveled to Wellsville on January 15th to compete in the Aaron Patton Memorial Boys tournament. Leading the way for Anderson County was Sawyer Schaffer with a 2nd place finish and Braxton Williams finishing in 4th place.

Schaffer (113) started off with an opening round bye before downing Landy Isern of Louisburg by Fall (0:57). In the following match Schaffer downed Reilly Schultz of Gardner Edgerton in a tough match by decision (6-5) before losing to Brayden Zimmerman of Spring Hill in the championship match by Fall (1:27) to finish runner-up.

Williams (132) finished 4th by opening with a win over Wilson Fleischer of Olathe South by Fall (5:36). Williams would also down Chaston King of Olathe North by Fall (2:10), but losses in his two other matches resulted in his 4th place finish. Brody Kohlmeier (175) and Cowen Wittman (190) each won 2 of their 4 match-

es on the day but failed to place. Others competing on the day were Shawn Barker (150), Lucas Mills (165), and Gunner Grosdidier (126). They each won one of their three matches on the day. Landon Totten (138) was downed twice without picking up a win.

# Central Heights grapplers do well at Wellsville

WELLSVILLE - Gage Peine and Royce Ulrich finish 1st and 2nd respectively to lead the way for the Central Heights Vikings wrestlers at the Aaron Patton Memorial Boys tournament in Wellsville last Wednesday, January 15. Peine (165) picked up

wins over Corbin Arbuckle of West Elk (Fall 0:25), Brady Kern of Louisburg (Fall 3:09), Kale Pratt of Iola (Fall 3:24) and John Gagen of Shawnee Mission East (Dec 5-3) to finish on top the podium. Ulrich (144) nearly had a perfect sweep but lost in

the championship match to Iola's Kydane Loving by fall (5:21). Ulrich won 3 straight previous to that by downing Daniel Ross of Osawatomie by fall (1:54), Spencer Mattison by fall (5:01) and Khy Graf-Rudder by fall (0:53). Hayden Jamescupp (120)

finished the day with one win and a pair of losses. Attikus Rodriguez (190), Caleb Detwiler (138), Josiah Meyer (126) and Willis Miller all finished the day with a pair of defeats without a win.

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The system shovels benefits out the door, then attempts recovery long after the damage is done. But there is something even more troubling than sheer incompetence. The uncomfortable truth is that blue enclaves like Minnesota, California and New York often lack the political will to aggressively detect fraud because permissive systems serve electoral goals. Showering large blocs of friendly voters with taxpayer funds wins elections. That same logic fueled open-border policies under the Obama and Biden administrations. Ungoverned benefits programs and illegal migration translate into votes and campaign cash for the facilitators.

## SWECKER...

FROM PAGE 4

shrewd choices about what it is building (the Nazis also had the wrong planes for the Battle of Britain --

Case in point: under Gov. Tim Walz, Minnesota has experienced the largest increase in SNAP benefits in the nation. Between 2018 and 2023, benefits surged 128%, followed by Massachusetts, Vermont and California at 120%, 96% and 89%, respectively. It is no accident that 82 of the 92 defendants indicted in Minnesota child nutrition, housing services and autism program fraud schemes are Somali. This voting bloc can swing elections. Meanwhile, funds intended for those who rightfully need help are siphoned off by criminal enterprises. There are success stories. A new artificial intelligence tool helped the U.K. government recover nearly £500 million in the past year, according to the BBC, by cross-referencing data across agencies and flagging vulnerabilities before they are exploited. Officials say it can help make policies

bombers with payloads that were too small and fighters with limited range). The U.S. needs to make sure that it is not overinvesting in the weapons systems of the past, although a defense budget on the scale

effectively fraud-proof before rollout. States willing to look for fraud will find it. The hope is that the Trump administration's response to Minnesota's systemic malfeasance becomes a template nationwide — red, blue and purple. Taxpayers deserve the same relief achieved through firm border enforcement: near-zero losses without changing a single law. The goal should be zero tolerance for sloppy administration and criminal schemes — preventing losses before they occur, not chasing them after the fact. Chris E. Swecker served 24 years in FBI as Special Agent. He retired from the Bureau as Assistant Director with responsibility over all FBI Criminal Investigations. He currently practices law in Charlotte, N.C. This piece was first published at FoxNews.com.

everything can be over the top. It'd be a national service, though, if he manages to make the U.S. defense budget golden. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

# Kansas Red Cross offers tips for this weekend's onslaught of cold

TOPEKA - The American Red Cross of Greater Kansas urges Kansans to prepare for a winter storm that will blow through the area starting Friday. Stay warm indoors. If your home becomes too cold, go to a public library, shopping mall or warming center.

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