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## Appellate court allows restraining order to continue

John Richmeier  
Leavenworth Times

Judges with the Kansas Court of Appeals are allowing a temporary restraining order against CoreCivic to remain in effect while they consider an appeal of the order.

The temporary restraining order prevents CoreCivic from operating the company's

Leavenworth facility as a detention center without first obtaining a special use permit from the city.

The temporary restraining order was granted by Leavenworth County District Court John Bryant in a lawsuit filed by the city of Leavenworth against CoreCivic.

Attorneys for CoreCivic have appealed Bryant's order to the

Kansas Court of Appeals.

The lawyers for CoreCivic asked the appellate court to suspend or stay the enforcement of the temporary restraining order during the appeal. Attorneys for the city filed a response in opposition of the request.

Court of Appeals Presiding Judge Lori Bolton Fleming issues a two-sentence order on Thursday denying CoreCivic's

motion to suspend or stay enforcement of the temporary restraining order.

However, CoreCivic's appeal of the temporary restraining order is still pending. And Fleming issued a separate order Thursday indicating the schedule for submitting briefs in the appellate case will be expedited.

"Given the nature of this appeal, the briefing schedule will

be expedited," Fleming wrote in her order. "In the absence of a showing of exceptional circumstances, no extensions of time for filing briefs will be granted. The court will not consider heavy workload, alone, an exceptional circumstance."

**CoreCivic**

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## Square dancing club sashays into Leavenworth

Peggy Bair  
Special to the Times

The Heartland Squares held its first locally hosted square dance in Leavenworth Saturday at the Riverfront Community Center.

Club President Roberta Beier hosted the dance. About 50-60 dancers, including those from neighboring cities such as Lawrence, Shawnee and Overland Park, attended the event. Heartland Squares is based in Shawnee but Beier is a Leavenworth resident.

Beier said she and her husband took up square dancing in 2018 as a way of exercising and socializing.

"People are looking for ways to exercise," Beier said. "But square dance is one of the best ways to prevent dementia. So, older people square dance because they get exercise and a chance to socialize. It's alcohol-free and it's mentally stimulating. So, we keep dancing because it's good for us."

Beier said there are other reasons for square dancing that are just as important.

"It took me about a year to realize that dancing is not the most important part," Beier said. "The most important part is this community of people. They're fabulous."

Beier said that getting started in the activity meant starting from scratch.

"We'd never square danced before, and we took lessons with Heartland Squares," Beier said. "They taught us how to square dance, and we've been hooked ever since. It's great. The community of people, it's amazing."



Roberta Beier dances during the Heartland Squares square dance event Saturday at the Riverfront Community Center. *Peggy Bair*

Square dancing involves four couples, eight people, who are dancing in a square formation. According to the website Square Dance History, square dancing has been a part of American social life for centuries.

Some historians date square dancing back to 17th century England but it also has origins from folk dancing in various countries. Some sources simply describe square dancing as a fusion of generations of "social folk dancing."

### Dancing

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Steve and Michelle Wilson partner on the dance floor. *Peggy Bair*

## Leavenworth school board approves budget

John Richmeier  
Leavenworth Times

Leavenworth Board of Education members have approved a 2025-2026 budget.

Board members voted Monday to approve a budget that exceeds what is referred to as the school district's revenue neutral rate. But the approved tax rate is less than what had been proposed as part of a public notice of Monday's budget hearing.

By exceeding the revenue neutral rate, the school district will receive more money in property tax revenue for the 2025-2026 school year than the previous year.

Local tax entities use what are referred to as mills for levying property taxes. A notice for Monday's budget hearing indicated school board members were considering a total tax levy of 57.362 mills for the 2025-2026 budget. This would have increased the school district's local property tax revenue by about \$1.8 million compared to the previous year.

However, board members voted Monday to approve a budget with a total mill levy of 54.964 mills. This will increase the school district's property tax revenue by about \$1.06 million, according to information previously released by the school district.

The budget was approved by a 4-3 vote. Board members Vanessa Reid, Jessica Wilson and Alisa Murphy voted against the motion.

The revenue neutral rate for the district was 51.122 mills.

Superintendent Kellen Adams acknowledged that the budget impacts every taxpayer in the school district.

"It certainly comes at a time in which there is a number of different challenges that every family is facing in the way of inflation, and we're certainly sensitive to that," he said.

Board members actually had two

### Budget

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## Kids take the stage in downtown musical

Peggy Bair  
Special to the Times

"The Lightning Thief" opens Thursday at the Performing Arts Center, 500 Delaware St. The show runs through Sunday. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday is a 2 p.m. matinee.

The musical is an adaptation by Joe Tracz based on the Rick Riordan novel "The Lightning Thief." The show features 20 songs by Rob Rokicki.

The story revolves around a troubled boy, Percy Jackson. He magically ends up at a camp

for half-bloods where he finds out he is the son of Poseidon, a great Greek god. Percy must go on a quest with his friends to prevent a war among the gods.

Lacey Connell directs the production. Luke Pyron plays the lead, Percy Jackson.

"As a lover of musicals, I genuinely think 'Lightning Thief' is in my top five," Connell said. "This is the second time I've done this show with a kids cast. I just did it in December with a different group of kiddos. So, it's still very fresh for me."

Every single one of the kids has a moment or a feature."

The 29-member cast features local talent but was a draw for kids from other surrounding areas to participate.

"It's a wide array," Connell said. "We have kids commuting from Gladstone and from the Mill Valley area. And we've got some new kiddos that just moved to Fort Leavenworth. Then we've got kids I've been doing shows with since I moved to the area in 2021. It's good for the kids in Leavenworth."

### Musical

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Luke Pyron, left, plays Percy Jackson, and Machlin Marshall plays Luke in the upcoming production of "The Lightning Thief" at the Performing Arts Center. *Peggy Bair*

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# Obituaries

## RODNEY RIVARD

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Rodney Rivard, 86, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2025. Born in Longmeadow, Mass., to Leroy and Alma Rivard, Rodney lived a life rich in love and purpose, surrounded by friends wherever he called home. He attended Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., where he met the love of his life, Gladys Healy. They married March 24, 1962, shortly after Rodney graduated from Georgetown Dental School.

Rodney and Gladys had many homes during his 21 years with the U.S. Air Force and they, along with their three children, embraced them all. In 1984 Rodney opened dental practice in Leavenworth, Kan., where he became a vibrant and respected member of the community. A lifelong music lover, he sang barbershop with Cody Choristers and performed with Possum Holler Four quartet. A proud member and past president of the Rotary Club, Rodney led numerous fundraising efforts for the local community.

Rodney believed in living a life filled with passions. An enthusiastic gardener, many a family meal featured the bounty of his harvest. A devoted sports fan, his passing leaves one less KC Chiefs fan. Rodney was passionate about traveling with his family giving them a life filled with exciting destinations exploring the history of the United States and places abroad.

Rodney believed anything could be learned by picking up a book and was never without a current read. He embraced the outdoors with everything from scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef to salmon fishing in Alaska to hunting in Nebraska, always with friends.

Preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Gladys, he is survived by three children, Nancy, Janet (Allan) and Tom (Amy), along with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren with two more on the way. While his passing brings sadness, we know that he is with his Lord God and reunited with his beloved wife.

Funeral service will be held on September 13 at 10:30 a.m., Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City Center, Fla., followed by a reception at Sunset Grill in Ruskin, Fla. In his memory, please consider donating to the Rotary Club in lieu of flowers.

## SHARON STEIN

Sharon L. Stein, 82, of Lansing, Kan., and longtime resident of Leavenworth County and the Kickapoo area died Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Visitation beginning with praying the rosary will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, September 14, 2025, at R.L. Leintz Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 15, 2025, at St. Joseph Church, Leavenworth. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Kickapoo, Kan.

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## Organization seeks volunteers to clean cemetery

### Staff report

Carry The Load, a national non-profit veteran and first responder service organization, is inviting the public to take part in volunteer opportunities for Patriot Day on Thursday. In collaboration with

the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration, volunteers will help honor fallen service members by cleaning headstones and beautifying the grounds at nearly 70 national cemeteries across the country.

The public is being invited

to volunteer from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Leavenworth National Cemetery, 150 Muncie Road.

People can visit [www.carrytheload.org/patriot-day-national-day-of-service/](http://www.carrytheload.org/patriot-day-national-day-of-service/) for more information and to register.

## Defendant sentenced for fleeing from officer

### Staff report

A Tonganoxie man has been sentenced to more than one year in prison for fleeing from law enforcement, according to a news release from the County Attorney's Office.

Gary L. Dixon, 43, was sentenced Friday in Leavenworth County District Court to one year and two months in prison for fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer.

The charge stemmed from a Sept. 30, 2023, pursuit.

A sheriff's deputy spotted a motorcycle without a license plate traveling south on 158th Street near Linwood Road. The deputy activated emergency lights and sirens, but the operator of the motorcycle continued to travel for about two miles at speeds between 50 and 55 mph before stopping near 161st Street, according to the news release.

Dixon was also sentenced Friday to time in the Leavenworth County Jail for driving with a suspended license, having no proof of insurance, transporting liquor in an

open container and driving with an expired tag or no registration. These sentences will be served concurrently with the prison sentence.

Dixon was convicted of the charges July 14.

"Driving is a privilege, not a right," County Attorney Todd Thompson said in a news release. "Fleeing from law enforcement officers endangers everyone on the road – even on rural roads. This case shows that such reckless behavior has real consequences and can lead to a prison sentence."

## Defendant pleads to drug charges

### Staff report

A Leavenworth woman has pleaded to felony drug charges.

Rhaune L. Taylor, 25, pleaded no contest to unlawful distribution of fentanyl and guilty to possession of amphetamine.

The charges stemmed from a March 18, 2024, incident at Fourth and Cheyenne streets in which Taylor was found asleep behind the wheel of a parked car that had its engine running, according to a news release from the County

Attorney's Office.

During a search of the vehicle and Taylor's purse, police found numerous pills.

"Drug offenses like this are serious because they not only harm the individual but also threaten the safety and well-being

of our community," County Attorney Todd Thompson said in a news release. "This conviction demonstrates our commitment to holding offenders accountable and working to keep dangerous substances off our streets."

## Musical

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that maybe can't commute to other places. It gives them a chance to interact and learn from other young performers."

Connell said she is impressed with the cast for this production.

"This is such a good show. The song 'Killer Quest' has all the kids on stage, singing their little hearts out, nailing the choreography. It's so powerful and the kids are incredible. I genuinely think this is in my top three favorite casts that I've ever worked with," Connell said. "And not only because of their talent but they're just so lovely, kind and professional."

The musical is a full show and not a shorter youth edition. It will run one hour and forty-five minutes – with a 15-minute intermission.

The assistant director and choreographer is Stephanie Douglass, the stage manager is Amanda Jacobs, the producer and lead set builder is Ron Mazzia, the lead costumer is



Sophia Heckmaster plays Clarisse in the production.

Brenda Adamovicz and the assistant costumer is Mary Beth Casey. The sound designer is Blake Vignery, the lighting designer is Sydney Cheek, the projections operator is Claire Dempsey and backstage is Rachel Szmed.

Tickets are available in advance

through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-lightning-thief-the-percy-jackson-musical-youth-show-tickets-929893966887?aff=odcleeventsincollection> or by calling 913-651-0027. If still available, tickets can also be purchased at the door.

## Budget

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budget hearings Monday. Both were required by state law.

The first one was a public hearing on exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

Two people from the audience addressed the board during this hearing. One audience member questioned the level of increases proposed for some funds within the budget. The other audience member who spoke encouraged board members to exceed the revenue neutral rate.

At the conclusion of this hearing, board members approved a resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate. This resolution was approved by a 5-2 vote. Reid and Murphy voted against the resolution.

Board members then had a public hearing on the budget in general. No one from the

audience addressed board members during this hearing.

Board President

Karen Overbey asked if there was a motion to approve the budget presented by the administration with the mill levy of 57.362 mills. She said this would have maximized revenue in all funds.

"This is the budget as published," Overbey said.

No one made a motion to approve this budget.

Overbey then asked if there was a motion to approve a second budget option with a mill levy of 54.964 mills. She said this one splits the difference between the first option and a revenue neutral budget.

Board Vice President Judi Price made a

motion to approve this budget option. The motion, which was successful, was seconded by Overbey.

Also Monday, board members voted to appoint Beth Mattox, chief financial officer for the school system, to serve as the district's freedom of information officer.

Jake Potter, the district's former chief communications officer, previously served in this role, but he left the school system last month to take a job with the Lawrence public schools.

Adams had proposed taking on the duty himself. But board members appointed Mattox to serve in that role.

Overbey suggested board members can revisit the matter in the future.



Square dance caller Mike Hogan announces during the event.



Gay Clemenson enjoys a dance Saturday during the square dance event.

## Dancing

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Today's American square dancing involves making different sets of dance moves or choreography that are dictated (called out) by a "caller." Mike Hogan, from Omaha, was the caller at Saturday's event and explained how square dancing works.

"I'm the guy that stands up on the stage and tells them what to do," he said. "Our job is to entertain. I mix them together with music and song and a little bit of humor, hopefully. You put all that together and it's a two-and-a-half-hour dance that they come and have fun and socialize and just have a blast. My goal is that I've entertained them enough so that the next time I'm in their area, they go, 'yeah, I'm going to go dance to that guy again.'"

Beier said there are square dance clubs all over the world and many easy to find in the local area. To get started,

beginners just need to take lessons.

"You have to take a series of lessons," Beier said. "It's about 65 calls that you learn and once you've learned those 65 calls, you can square dance anywhere in the world. Square dance calls are always called in English – in Japan, Germany and Thailand, everywhere around the world."

Saturday was the first time the Heartland Squares has hosted a dance in Leavenworth.

"It puts a little fun in your life to try dancing," Beier said. "For me, it's grown into something where my entire circle of friends is now square dancers. I know 100 people I didn't know five years ago. And we travel with them, we go out to dinner with them, we go bowling with them. So, it's a way to meet people in real life."

In recent years, square dancing has evolved in other ways.

"The music is amazing," Beier added. "People think the music is all country music but it's

actually all popular music. So, a lot of people square dance because they like the music."

Who are the people who take up square dancing? People of all different persuasions but many who are looking for a fun activity.

"I asked a friend who is just starting lessons with us, why they chose to take up square dancing," Beier said. "And she said, 'We were looking for something to do together that neither one of us already knew how to do – something new that we could learn together.' They needed that date night, a time with their spouse."

Square dancing offers a relief from everyday life for many people.

"When you're square dancing, you can't think of anything else because you have to pay attention to the caller. So, for two and a half hours, you're just away from everything," Beier said.

Heartland Squares Square Dance Club has more information on its website at [www.wesquaredance.com](http://www.wesquaredance.com)

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Leavenworth County Humane Society Executive Director Crystal Swann Blackdeer accepts a proclamation in recognition of the agency's accomplishments. Shown, from left, are Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill, Swann Blackdeer and Lansing City Council member Gene Kirby. *Connie Parish*

### CoreCivic

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The Tennessee-based CoreCivic operates private detention centers. The company previously housed detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service at its Leavenworth facility.

The facility became vacant at the end of 2021 after the company's contract with the Marshals Service was not renewed.

CoreCivic now has a contract to house detainees for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Leavenworth facility.

City officials argue CoreCivic needs a special use permit because the facility has not been used as a detention center for more than one year and lost its previous grandfathered status under the city's development regulations.

CoreCivic officials argue the Leavenworth facility maintains the grandfathered status that enables it to operate without the permit from the city. Company officials say the Leavenworth facility has never closed even though it has gone through a vacancy period.

The city filed a lawsuit in Leavenworth County District Court to prevent the company from housing detainees without a special use permit.

Much of the lawsuit in Leavenworth

County District Court is on hold as the temporary restraining order is being appealed.

However, Bryant did issue an order Monday in the Leavenworth County case. The judge dismissed Misty Mackey as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Mackey is the warden of the local CoreCivic facility.

The city had named Mackey as a defendant in the lawsuit. Attorneys for CoreCivic, who are also representing Mackey, asked that she be dismissed from the case.

In his order, Bryant questioned whether "Mackey is a necessary party to this action."

"It would seem that under no theory of the case or under any facts alleged, can Defendant Mackey operate the facility outside of the authority granted by Defendant CoreCivic," Bryant wrote in his order. "It is not Defendant Mackey's plan to operate the Property for a jail or prison, it is Defendant CoreCivic's plan to do so. There are no facts set forth with specific regard to Defendant Mackey to illustrate how she will aid and abet Defendant CoreCivic or how Defendant Mackey plans to aid and abet Defendant CoreCivic in the future."

A separate lawsuit has been filed by CoreCivic against the city in U.S. District Court. That federal lawsuit argues that the city is violating the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

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# EDITORIAL

## Taylor Swift's fortitude is something to admire

I want to write about someone who for me is a brand new subject, the entertainer Taylor Swift.

I must admit that I know nothing about her music. I would not recognize it because it's not something I follow. To me, it would sound and look like more pop art. She gets my attention for other reasons.

As far as I can tell, she is the smartest entertainer in the world today. She organizes, demands and commands more than any artist on any stage, cultural or pop. She outshines any other single performer in the world with what she has done and what she has earned.

Now in her mid-30s, Taylor consults her parents' opinions and direction in the business aspects of what she does. She has accepted their help with spectacular results. Indeed, a lot of her success is very much a family affair. This remains true even after her parents' divorce.

Yet her art is her own.

Here is a woman who as a youth invented a genre: teenage country music. And she did this on her own initiative. I recall walking into a drug store 15 or so years ago and encountering a life-size figure of Taylor over a display of ... well, I don't remember what it was. That was my introduction to her. I've forgotten the product but not the star.

She has lent help to issues that I strongly oppose. She has taken abuse from folks who have supported those issues because they felt she did not back them strongly enough. It has had no effect on her or on her popularity. She is very much her own person. She dismisses the critics by forging ahead her way. This fortitude is something to admire even where I disagree with her.

The fans in their mid-30s who grew up with her behave like today's younger set, often alongside their daughters. She has struck a chord with them and seems to refine it with every new effort. She has done things which have earned my admiration. I want to address one of these.

Taylor has used her billionaire's wealth to rescue historical homes from being trashed and the property broken up by developers.

She saved the Hollywood mansion and estate of legendary film producer Samuel Goldwyn from demolition. They were designed and built for his new wife in 1934, the year of my birth. Maybe I'm just being sentimental about the year, but it has been recognized as a historical location now faithfully restored.

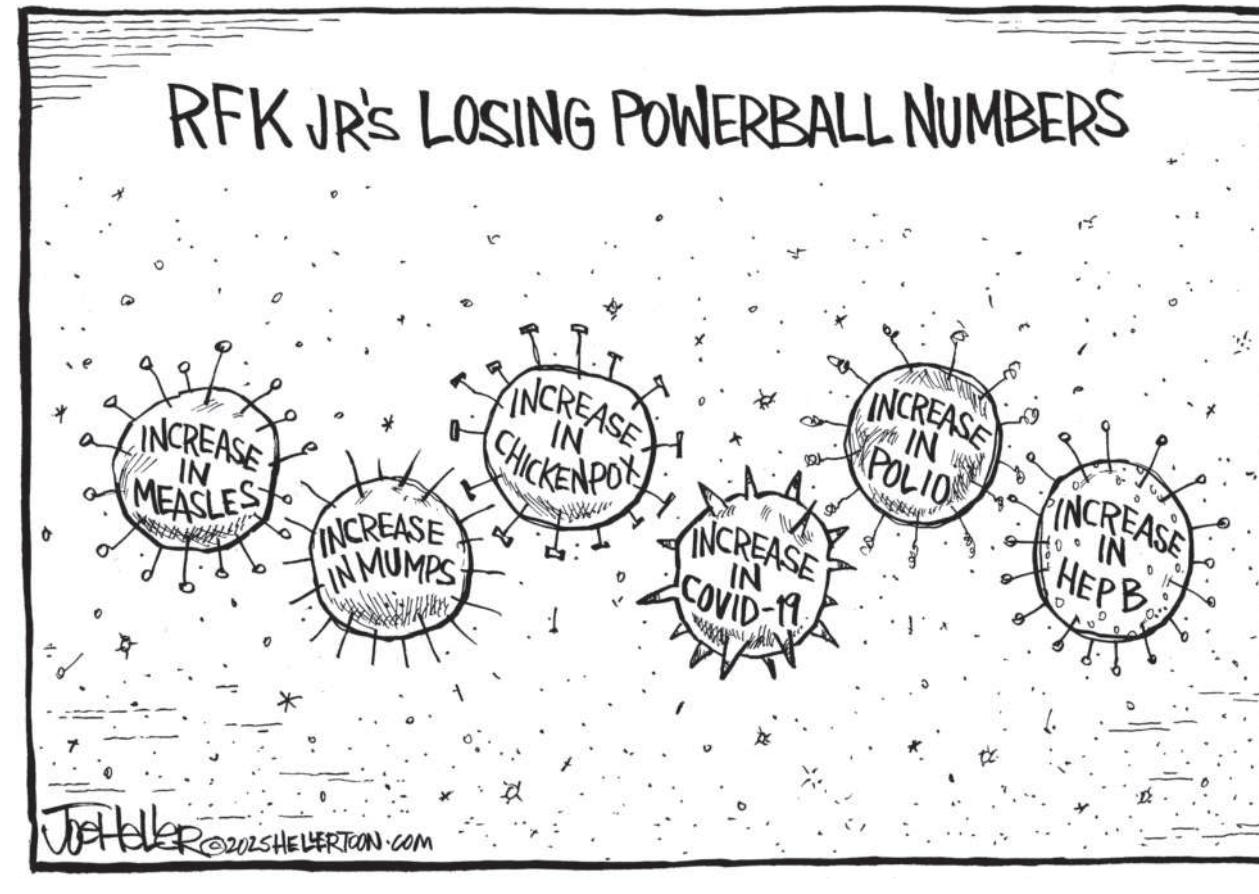
She bought a well-kept coastal home on a point of land on the Rhode Island coast. Private property,

**Walt Mack**

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Walt Mack



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Election has strong list of candidates

#### To the editor:

I am writing this letter to the editor to talk about the upcoming City Commission race and the strong field of candidates. Our community is fortunate to have so many outstanding people willing to serve.

Mr. Clay, Mr. Redmon and Mr. Shopfner are all veterans who built admirable careers and chose to call Leavenworth home. They deserve our respect and gratitude for their service. Mr. Maxwell's family has deep roots here, and he is a hardworking, blue-collar voice with valuable knowledge of our infrastructure. Ms. Hollister is young, smart and passionate about our community's future.

This race has been anything but contentious. There has been no back-biting, no social media blow-ups, only honest discussion about the issues. These individuals are people I respect and admire, and the city of Leavenworth is

fortunate to have such strong candidates for City Commission.

I would like to take a moment to highlight what I bring to the table as a candidate for the Leavenworth City Commission. I have personally called Leavenworth home since 1985. I graduated from Leavenworth High School and went on to work at Lansing Correctional Facility for a year, then served several years with the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office. In 2001, while still with the Sheriff's Office, I started my first IT company out of my garage. Since then, I have built several companies and sold a few. I have worked in the corporate world, and I have also worked with nonprofits. This wide range of experience has given me a broad perspective to draw from.

I have been married to my wife for 28 years, and together we have three children and soon-to-be four grandchildren. I am a moderate conservative who understands the need and value of compromise. I believe success comes from

treating everyone with respect, even when I disagree.

I am pro-business because I believe we cannot tax our way to prosperity, nor can we cut our way there. We must run an efficient government, and we must grow our city and expand the tax base. Most importantly, we need to make sure everyone understands that Leavenworth is open for business. Leavenworth is the first city in Kansas, and I believe it should serve as a beacon of light for our state.

I am also pro-first responder. These men and women deserve to be respected, treated well and paid fairly. While we may not always match the salaries of surrounding areas, we must continue to prioritize taking care of those who run toward danger so the rest of us do not have to.

I am committed to growth — growth in opportunity, in business and in the quality of life for all who call Leavenworth home.

*- Joe Wilson is a candidate for the Leavenworth City Commission.*

## The facts about selling lamb and agriculture

Jennifer and I sell lamb at the farmers market in Manhattan. Yes, it is a great way for us to sell our lamb, but what I enjoy the most is interacting with the consumers who buy our lamb. I take considerable pride in the meat we produce and in sharing it with the end user.

As good as that all is, this is also a chance for me to advocate for agriculture and, in some small way, to help dispel some of the myths about how we produce food. It's not always easy, and I am not always successful, but it is important to try and get the truth out.

A couple of weeks ago a gentleman stopped at our booth and expressed interest in purchasing lamb, but first he had a question. He asked if we used pesticides on our farm. I told him we do, and they are a valuable tool in our toolbox.



Glenn Brunkow

He then told me he was not interested in buying any meat because it would have pesticide on it. I explained we follow all safety precautions including re-entry and grazing exclusion times. That was not good enough for him, and I could not convince him our meat was free of pesticide residue no matter what evidence I presented to him.

In the end I chalked my interaction up to the old adage of "you can't win them all." However, that does not mean you should not try. In the end we had a very civil

discussion, but he would not be swayed by the evidence. Thankfully, there are many other customers who do believe me.

I also had a customer ask me if my meat was free of hormones and antibiotics. I told them, first, that there are no added hormones I could give sheep so that is not a concern. Moreover, I told them that we are in regular contact with our veterinarian and follow the label guidelines on the antibiotics we do give our lambs.

I told the customer we use as few antibiotics as possible, but when my sheep are sick, I want to treat them with the best possible medicine. The health and well-being of our sheep is one of the top concerns on our farm. I also said that we are very conscious of proper use of antibiotics because we want them to remain effective for our sheep as well as

ourselves.

In this instance I was successful and made the sale.

As farmers and ranchers, we need to make sure we take our time and explain to consumers what we do and why we do it. Farmers and ranchers are among the most trusted professionals, and we need to make sure we use this trust to dispel bad information that consumers are constantly bombarded with.

We may not always be successful but that does not mean we should not keep trying to tell our story every chance we get. We're not going to win every conversation, but I believe we can win most of them. Each consumer we do educate is one more friend of agriculture — and we need every friend we can get.

*Glenn Brunkow is a Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher.*

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Leavenworth Times encourages readers to submit letters to the editor. Here are a few ground rules that we observe:

- Letters must be less than 400 words in length.
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- Letters must be topic-specific to our circulation area.
- Letters must be the author's original work.
- Letters that are time-sensitive will be given priority.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Wednesday, Sept. 10

**WHAT:** Leavenworth Farmers Market  
**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to noon  
**WHERE:** Haymarket Square, 7th and Cherokee streets  
**DETAILS:** Locally grown and sourced produce, baked goods, cheeses, cookies and more

### Thursday, Sept. 11

**WHAT:** History of Leavenworth Presentation  
**WHEN:** 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Saturday  
**WHERE:** First City Museum, 743 Delaware St.  
**DETAILS:** Guided tour of the museum that has thousands of artifacts of Leavenworth and the Wild West. The fee is \$10.

**WHAT:** Tonganoxie Farmers Market  
**WHEN:** 5-8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Tonganoxie Public Library, 217 W. 4th St.  
**DETAILS:** Locally produced food and value-added agricultural products

**WHAT:** Photographic Treasures of Historic Leavenworth  
**WHEN:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday

**WHERE:** Masonic Lodge, 425 Delaware St.  
**DETAILS:** Explore rare glass plate negatives, historic photography and stories of Leavenworth at a traveling art exhibition hosted by the Leavenworth County Historical Society and Main Street Leavenworth.

**WHAT:** People Making History: The Iron Marshal  
**WHEN:** 7-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Jahn Room - Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St

**DETAILS:** Jon Abel discusses how Louis-Nicolas Davout, known as The Iron Marshal, earned a reputation as Napoleon's most brilliant and reliable general.

**WHAT:** River City Community Players present "The Lightning Thief"

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE:** Leavenworth Performing Arts Center, 500 Delaware St.

**DETAILS:** Live theater

### Friday, Sept. 12

**WHAT:** Rhythm & Roots Market

**WHEN:** 5-9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Downtown DeSoto

**DETAILS:** Shop small and support local during the farmers and makers market featuring fresh produce, baked goods, handmade crafts and artisan finds.

**WHAT:** Carnival of Ink

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday

**WHERE:** The Leavenworth Local Hotel and Bar, 600 Shawnee St.

**DETAILS:** Tattoo artists, vendors, piercers, performers and food trucks

**FOR MORE INFO:** [carnivalofinkmagazine.com](http://carnivalofinkmagazine.com)

**WHAT:** USM 25-year baseball reunion

**WHEN:** 2-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**WHERE:** University of Saint Mary, 4100 S. 4th St.

**DETAILS:** Weekend of memories, friendly competition and Spire pride

**WHAT:** Football reunion

**WHEN:** 3-7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday

**WHERE:** University of Saint Mary, 4100 S. 4th St.

**DETAILS:** Former players reunite on campus.

### Saturday, Sept. 13

**WHAT:** Leavenworth Farmers Market

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to noon

**WHERE:** Haymarket Square, 7th and Cherokee streets

**DETAILS:** Locally grown and sourced produce, baked goods, cheeses, cookies and more

**WHAT:** Tour and carousel ride

**WHEN:** 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

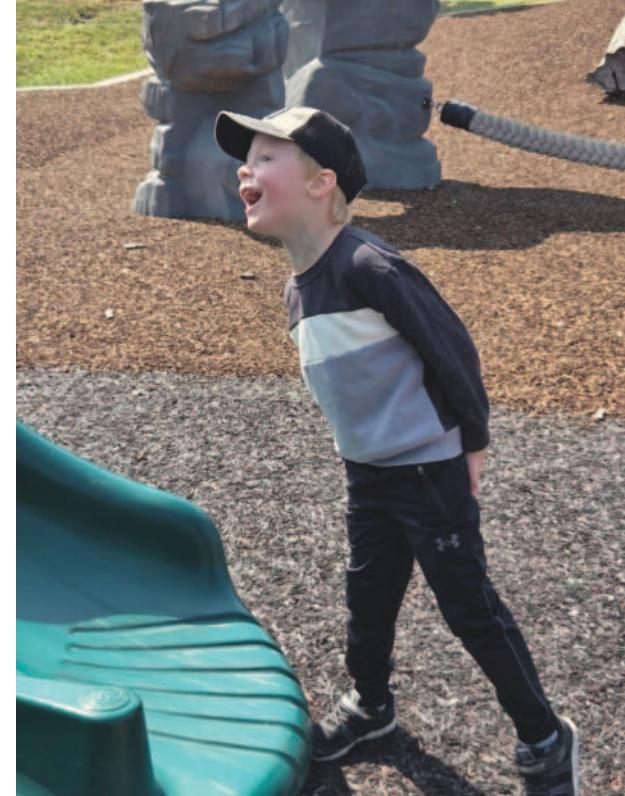
**WHERE:** C.W. Parker Carousel Museum, 320 S. Esplanade St.

**DETAILS:** Self-guided tours are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 18. Rides are \$1.50 each.

## PARK CONSTRUCTION



Phase II of Basehor's Tomahawk Park are now complete. An official opening was hosted last weekend by the city of Basehor.  
Beth Kornegay



### Walt Mack

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the former owner had permitted public access to the beach. But it was eroding. Taylor arranged for multiple loads of huge rock brought in to fortify against it. This led to a legal suit by her neighbors who wanted

to keep the beach open. The court ruled in favor of arresting the erosion.

Taylor and her engagement to Travis Kelce are well-known to the world. They have looked at securing property in Ohio near his hometown. The place that has attracted them seems ideal, secluded yet with every amenity

including a recording studio. It won't be cheap. Completed as the recent epidemic began, its wealthy owner died of COVID-19 just weeks after moving in.

Sixty years ago, I knew the area well. Small and picturesque, my boss at the time lived in Chagrin Falls which will be their closest shopping. I wish

them the best. And I hope she gets pregnant at once after they wed. Her songs may then catch my interest.

I should confess that I've a Taylor in my family. With a doctorate in historical geography, my Taylor is a son.

*Walt Mack is a life-long historian and lives in Leavenworth.*

## Alliance Against Family Violence

# Needs List

**Cleaning:**  
Disinfecting wipes  
Lysol disinfectant spray  
Dishwashing soap  
Pine-Sol Cleaner  
Kitchen Mop

**Hygiene:**  
Fullsize shampoo  
Body soap or body wash  
Deodorant  
Hair products for ethnic/African American hair

**Organization:**  
Mesh laundry hampers (eight)

**Food:**  
Healthy snacks (that are individually wrapped)  
Jelly (we have a surplus of peanut butter)  
Apple Sauce  
Bottled Water

**Misc:**  
Gallon Ziploc bags  
Quarter-sized Ziploc bags  
Trash bags (55 gallon & 13 gallon)  
Gift Cards to Walmart

You can help Alliance Against Family Violence by donating your cash, the everyday items listed here or, better yet, become a volunteer!  
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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM:** The Council on Aging is launching a new program on September 1. The *Friendly Visitor Program* pairs volunteers with homebound seniors to provide social connection. Through regular home visits and /or phone calls volunteers help reduce loneliness and social isolation felt by many seniors in our community. Friendships develop, relationships grow and seniors remain engaged. This valuable social connection can reduce cognitive decline, lessen anxiety and improve the overall quality of life for this homebound population.

### Program Requirements

Participants in the Friendly Visitor Program must reside in Leavenworth County and be age 60+ or disabled. An intake interview will be conducted with the Friendly Visitor Coordinator to determine eligibility. Each participant must provide emergency contact information to be used only by the Friendly Visitor Coordinator if necessary.

Both volunteers and participants must sign a Code of Conduct document to be kept on file at the Leavenworth County Council on Aging (COA). The Friendly Visitor Coordinator will try to match people with similar interests. When a volunteer is paired with a participant, specific background information will be provided. The Friendly Visitor Coordinator will make the introduction and be present for the initial visit. There will be follow up conversations with both the volunteer and participant to confirm the match is a success or to address any concerns.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for this program, please reach out to program coordinator, Amybeth Richardson. Amybeth can be reached at 913-684-0780 or [arichardson@leavenworthcounty.gov](mailto:arichardson@leavenworthcounty.gov).

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Medicare Open Enrollment is just around the corner. October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs. People in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan should always review the materials their plans send them, like the "Evidence of Coverage" (EOC) and "Annual Notice of Change" (ANOC). If their plans are changing, they should make sure their plans will still meet their needs for the following year. If they're satisfied that their current plans will meet their needs for next year and it's still being offered, they don't need to do anything.

You can explore Medicare coverage options by: Going to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) Calling 1.800.MEDICARE (1.800.633.4227) TTY users can call 1.877.486.2048. Calling 913.684.0777 to make an appointment with a COA Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas counselor.

**PEDICURES FOR PAWS: NAIL TRIM FUND-RAISER:** Saturday, October 4th 2025. *Bad to the Bone Pet Care* is offering nail trims for \$10/dog in the COA parking lot from 1:00-4:00pm. Dogs should be up to date on vaccinations. All well-behaved, leashed dogs welcome.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Monday, October 6th 2025. 11:00AM – 3:00PM. Open to all ages. Make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), on the donor app, or walk-ins are welcome. Give the gift of life!

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** The Council on Aging is excited to announce we have launched our own Facebook page! Find out about upcoming events, activities, and services through our daily posts. Like, comment, follow, and ask questions. We want to hear from you!

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### ACCEPTING DONATIONS & PAYMENTS

**THROUGH PAYPAL:** To best accommodate all of our clients, the *Council on Aging* is set up to take payments and donations online through PayPal. In PayPal, search for Leavenworth County Council on Aging or use [@LVCOA](mailto:@LVCOA) to make a payment/donation.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT LEAVENWORTHCOUNTY.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/COUNCIL\_ON\_AGING** Find information about *Council on Aging* Departments, Programs & Services:

Nutrition, Senior Express Transportation, Human Services & Assistance, Leisure & Learning Program, and Pet Services.

- Check out activities and services that are scheduled.
- Learn how you can stay in touch and volunteer through Community Engagement.
- See Important Announcements.
- Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Section.
- View and print our monthly Nutrition menu & Leisure and Learning calendar.
- Get email updates when information on the homepage changes.

## EVENTS

**GATHER AROUND - FIESTA FRIDAY:** Friday, September 12th 2025. 10:00AM and 12:30PM. Come celebrate our last *Gather Around* of 2025 with Mexican-themed food! We will be having Sour Cream Chicken Enchiladas, Raspberry Chipotle Black Bean Dip and, as always, a delicious dessert. Cost: \$10. Max is 24 per class with a minimum of 18 for each class. Sign up and pay by September 5th.

**VACCINE CLINIC:** Friday, September 19th 2025. 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Walgreens will be at the COA to offer annual vaccines. Available vaccines: flu, pneumonia, COVID, and shingles. Stop by or call the front desk to sign up for the vaccines you need.

**MAUI MAHJONG MADNESS:** Monday, September 22nd 2025. 9:30AM – 3:00PM. Obsessed with the game of Mahjong? Please join us for a day filled with fun, great food, and prizes with experienced players. Register at the front desk. Payment is due at sign-up. \$15 includes entry fee, lunch, and prizes for everyone. Come dressed in your favorite Hawaiian attire. Open to the first 40 participants.

## TRIPS

All trips leave from the Council on Aging, 711 Marshall Street, Suite 100, unless otherwise noted.

**MYSTERY BREAKFAST:** Thursday, October 16th 2025. 8:30AM. Lottery drawing: Sign up by Sept. 25 for the drawing on Sept. 26. Max of 21. Cost: \$7 for transportation; plus cost of meal.

**CAROLYN'S PUMPKIN PATCH AND LUNCH:** Thursday, October 23rd 2025. 9:00AM. Mini golf, carousel, train/tractor rides, slides, pumpkin picking, and country store. Lottery drawing: Sign up by Oct. 6 for the drawing on Oct. 7. Max of 21. Cost: \$22 includes admission and transportation. Lunch cost is extra.



## Home Sweet Homestead

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## Summer STOCKING STUFFER EVENT

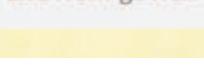
We are getting a head start on collecting items to fill Christmas Stockings for homebound seniors, seniors without family or seniors who are facing challenges. Items can be dropped off at the COA.

**Suggested Items:**

- hard candy and sugar free candy
- snack packages of cookies and crackers
- Jell-O snack cups and pudding cups
- applesauce (sweetened and no-sugar added)
- cookies (regular & sugar free)
- 2026 calendars
- small canned meats, fruit, vegetables
- toothpaste and toothbrushes
- word search and crossword puzzle books
- winter gloves, hats and scarves for men and women
- small Kleenex
- soap bars

For more information, call Dawn Owens at 913-684-0786.

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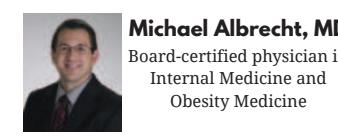
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## NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Nutrition Department's goal is to provide a hot, balanced and nutritious meal to older adults, age 60 and older, living in Leavenworth County. The Meals on Wheels program is dedicated to meeting nutritional needs, combating social isolation and ensuring safety. Meals on Wheels helps individuals remain independent and at home.

**DINING CENTERS:** Hot, nutritious meals are served daily at local dining center sites to qualifying participants who are 60 years and older. Dine in or grab-and-go meals are served daily, Monday-Friday, at mid-morning at each site, with the exception of federal holidays. Join us for a meal, stay for the fun – bingo, cards, games and socializing! Four locations are available throughout Leavenworth County:

- Bethel AME Church – 411 Kiowa Street, Leavenworth
- Trinity Lutheran Church – 2101 10th Avenue, Leavenworth
- Basehor United Methodist Church - 18660 158th Street, Basehor
- West Haven Baptist Church – 1000 West Street, Tonganoxie

Reservations are taken at the dining centers one week in advance.

**HOME-DELIVERED MEALS:** Hot, nutritious meals are delivered daily to the homes of qualifying participants who are 60 years and older. Enjoy daily contact with a member of the Council on Aging staff or one of our many Meals on Wheels volunteers. Meals are delivered daily, Monday – Friday, from 10:00am-12:30pm.

A \$3.00 per meal donation is appreciated. Meals can be paid for in increments that work for the recipient. Cash, check, and PayPal accepted. For more information about our Nutrition program, call 913-684-0777.

## PET SERVICES

**PETS AND LOVING SENIORS (PALS):** PALS is a program designed for seniors, age 60 and older, to help ease the burden of buying food for their pets. Through the generous donations of pet food and funds from community members and businesses, we are able to assist in providing meals and necessary supplies to pets. If you are interested in contributing to this program, look for our PALS donation boxes located at supporting retail stores in Leavenworth, Lansing, and throughout the county. You can also call to make an appointment to come by or mail in a donation to our office.

**PET2VET:** This program helps seniors unable to drive or without transportation get their pet to and from veterinary and grooming appointments.

For more information about our pet programs and qualifications, contact Cara Campbell at 913-364-5754.

### Transportation for everyone.



The City of Leavenworth began a "Ride LV Micro Transit" program in April 2023. The service runs on a "first come, first serve" basis. This program is supported by the Kansas City Area Transit Authority and operated locally by the Guidance Center. Micro transit vans will provide on-demand transportation upon request to locations within the Leavenworth City limits. This project is funded by the KDOT Public Transportation Program.

- Costs are \$2 per ride, a flat rate.
- Anyone is eligible to ride. (Children must be accompanied by an adult)
- Rides are limited to locations in the City of Leavenworth city limits.
- Vans will operate 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.
- Handicapped accessible vehicles are available.



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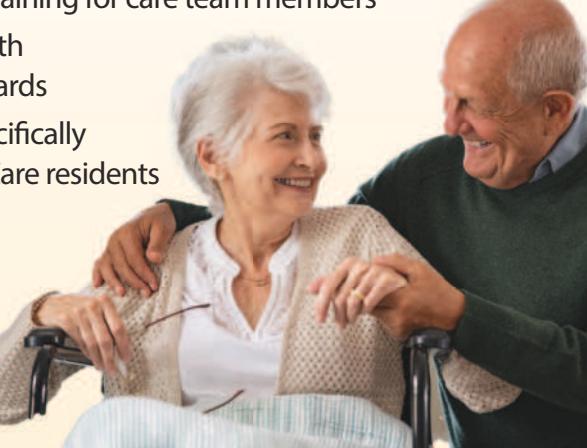
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### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

All of the following activities are held or meet at the Council on Aging, 711 Marshall Street, Suite 100, unless otherwise noted.

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** This group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Council on Aging. The purpose of our group is to support all caregivers in their journey to provide support and care to their loved ones. The group is open to caregivers of all ages. No registration required. If you would like more information, contact Jessica at 913-684-0733.

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP:** This group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Council on Aging. Led by Roma Keller. No fee or registration required.

**WHAT'S NEXT? LOSS SUPPORT GROUP:** First and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Loss Support Group provides information about the loss experience and a setting in which group members may share their loss experiences and develop safe, healthy and effective coping. This is a free, ongoing support group for adults 50 & better.

**DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP:** Ashley Dill with NOVUS LifeCare Home Health & Hospice will facilitate a dementia support group on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Open to residents of all ages; no sign-up required.

#### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

**GAME ON:** Second and fourth Mondays at 1:00PM. Spend time visiting while picking what game you may want to play. It could be anything from Dominos, Scrabble, Uno, Chess, Jenga, cards, to the latest game craze of your choice. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

**COFFEE GROUP:** This group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We will provide the coffee and treats; you provide the conversation. This is a wonderful way to connect and to just sit and enjoy visiting. Make this group a habit you won't

want to miss. If you would like more information, call 913-684-0777.

**SING-ALONG CHOIR:** This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join us and share our love of music. Come and lend your voice to this group; you will love it!

**UKULELES UNITE:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy music? Bring your own ukulele and play along with this group; no experience necessary. No fee or registration.

#### HANDCRAFTS

**YARN CONNECTION GROUP:** This group meets every third Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. We knit, crochet, weave, embroidery, latch hook and any craft you may enjoy. Come join us for new friendships, snacks, ideas, patterns and ways to help our community. If you would like more information, call 913-684-0777.

**SEWING ON THE LINE QUILT GUILD:** This group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00PM.

**LET'S GET SEWIN:** We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you can sew a straight line or like to iron or can cut out fabric, we would love to have you come. Please call Becky at 913-758-6726 for more information. We also would take donations of 100% cotton fabric or Cotton/polyester blend fabric.

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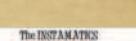
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- Wednesday, September 17th, 10:00AM – West Haven Baptist Church in Tonganoxie, KS
- Thursday, September 18th, 9:00AM – Library in Linwood, KS
- Thursday, September 18th, 10:30AM – Library in Basehor, KS

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Vitaband Exercise: 9:45AM

### THURSDAYS:

Cardio Drumming: 10:00AM

### FRIDAYS:

Chairside Yoga: 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Vitaband Exercise: 9:45AM

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## SPORTS

# Fargo eliminates Monarchs from playoffs

### Staff report

The Kansas City Monarchs 2025 season was cut short in a tightly contested Game 3.

The Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks bounced the Monarchs 6-0 on Saturday night at Legends Field. The RedHawks advance to face the Sioux Falls Canaries in the West Division Championship

### Series.

RedHawks starting pitcher Tyler Jandron (1-0) put together a stellar performance. The left-hander dealt six scoreless innings and retired 14 consecutive batters.

Two Monarchs players capped off great regular seasons with big-time awards.

Brantley Bell and Robbie Glendinning

have both been named to the American Association's Post-Season All-Star Team. Bell has been named the league's second baseman of the year and Glendinning is this year's AAPB utility player of the year.

The Monarchs (59-41) finished the regular season with the second-most wins in the league.



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## BUMMER IN BRAZIL



Travis Kelce and the Kansas City Chiefs lost to the Los Angeles Chargers 27-21 last week in Brazil. The Chiefs will look for better results on Sunday when they host the Philadelphia Eagles at 3:25 p.m. at Arrowhead Stadium. Getty Images

## CASA Programs for Children

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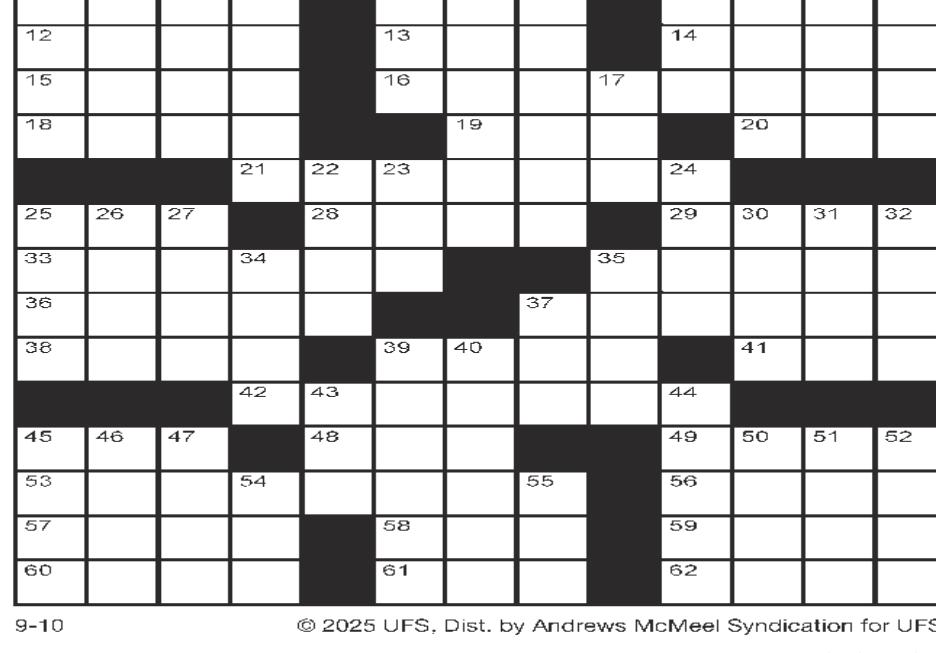
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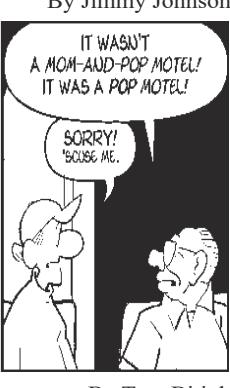
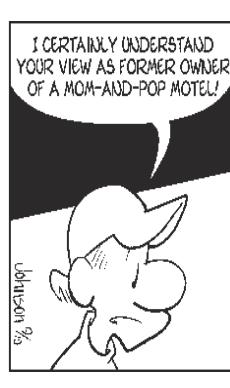


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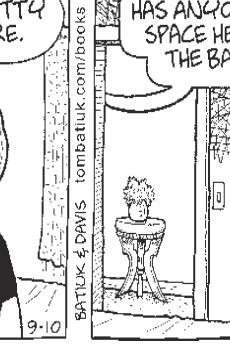
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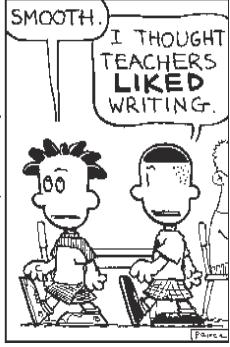
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## Lifelong 'loner' struggles to make connections post-retirement

Eric's Mailbox | Eric Thomas

Dear Eric: I retired a couple of years ago. I, like many people, I think, have realized that most of my friends and even acquaintances were work-related. My family doesn't live close. I've always been a loner, so this doesn't normally even bother me. I recently had a health issue come up where I needed a "responsible adult" to drive me home from surgery and I had a hard time coming up with someone.

Most of my interests are ones done alone and, when I looked into senior centers, the things they had were all craft stuff that I have no interest in learning. I'm a woman who has never really had much in common with other women and, at my age, have no interest in an actual relationship.

I had a couple of really bad experiences with organized religion in my youth and I've tried to find a new church over the years but find myself uncomfortable with the things I see and hear. I tried volunteer work, but like many towns, they are pretty much run by the churches and, after I kept politely turning down offers to come to their church, I found myself ignored or ostracized.

I know a lot of the problem is on me, but how do you make friends or at least another responsible adult when you are over 60? — Loner but Not Alone

Dear Loner: I don't want to negate your experience, but I'd gently suggest that much of this problem is not on you, actually. Many people, of all ages, struggle to find and maintain social connections. And many adults find social life in retirement to be a new, surprising challenge.

One option you may not have considered is seeking out groups

or activities that aren't necessarily geared toward seniors. Perhaps you'll find more in common with the local chess club or a sports league, for instance. Intergenerational friendship is one of life's richest rewards and you may find it easier to connect with some of these organizations.

You might also consider getting a part-time job that you like and seeing if you jibe with your coworkers. If you don't, you don't have to keep the job. But connections can come from that as well.

Lastly, while it doesn't necessarily address the "responsible adult" need right away, many people find more connection through online groups — based around shared interests, hobbies, advocacy, or projects — than they do in their local community. These connections can then trickle down locally — people might have nearby connections, or they could themselves be closer than you think.

Dear Eric: I am writing in response to the letter from the woman who had an Alzheimer's diagnosis and felt isolated and lonely ("Unmatched Matchmaker").

Your advice to her to reach out to support groups and to be more direct with her family and friends about her needs was excellent.

As a board-certified health and wellness coach who focuses specifically on the needs of seniors and people of all ages living with chronic illness and disability, I wanted to offer some additional options that she and her family may want to be aware of.

First, many local elder services

access points train and maintain a group of volunteer visitors for isolated elders in their community.

Many city Commissions on Aging

or similar also have programs like these.

Second, if the letter writer is even an occasional member of a worship community, there is probably a group within that community that organizes regular visits to people who need them. If they are not part of any faith tradition, the American Humanist Association also has a secular chaplaincy program which could be of benefit to her.

Third, something the letter writer and her family might want to consider engaging a geriatric care manager who could help them to identify supplementary services and connections in the local community that could go at least some way to alleviating her isolation.

Geriatric care managers are generally people with medical and social services training (usually nurses and social workers) who have particular expertise in creating care plans that cover medical interventions and the creation of everyday

life routines and supports for people with particular needs.

This is not an inexpensive option (services from local elder support access, charitable organizations, and worship communities should of course be free) but if the writer and her family are overwhelmed, it could be a very wise investment.

— Help Available

Dear Help Available: Thank you for this very thorough response. I believe it will help a lot of people. Navigating a loss of capacity or providing care and companionship for someone who is navigating an Alzheimer's or similar diagnosis can be very isolating. This is a great reminder to those folks that they are not alone.

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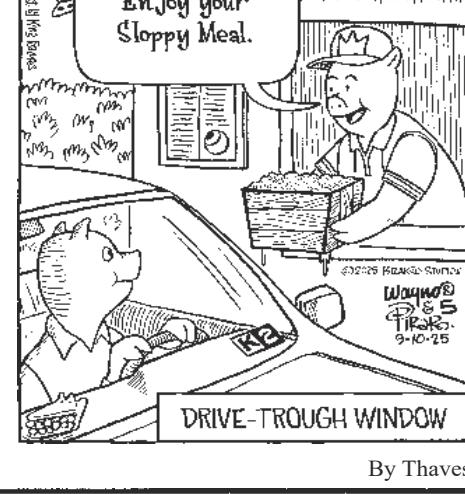
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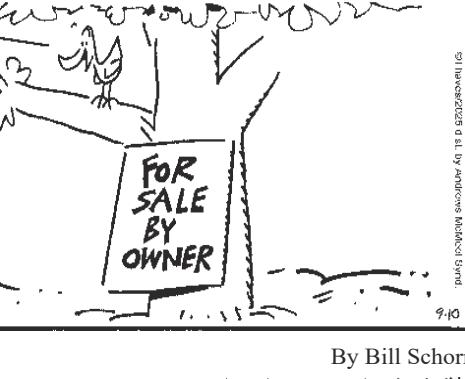
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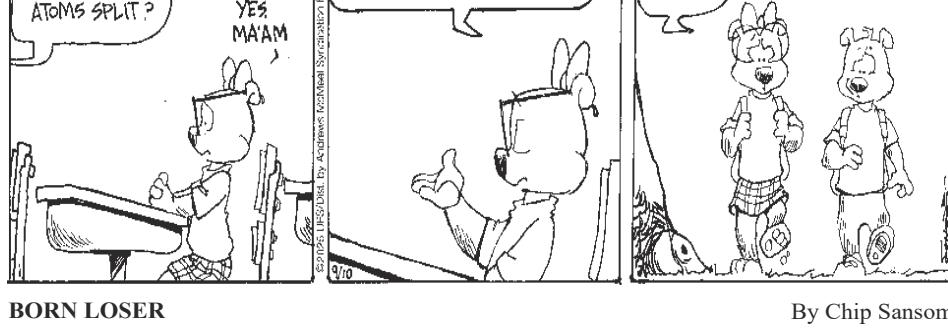
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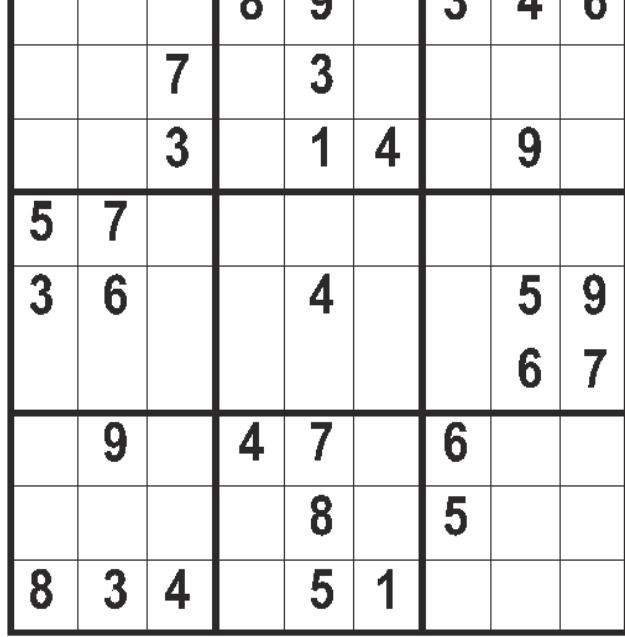
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By Chip Sansom



WHAT ARE MY BIGGEST MINUSES AND PLUSES, CHIEF?

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ANSWER TO  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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## Public Notices

## RESOLUTION NO. 13-7-2025

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANSING, KANSAS DETERMINING THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN SUCH PROPOSED DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH MATTER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING (MONROE MANOR REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT)**

WHEREAS, the Kansas Reinvestment Housing Incentive District Act, K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq. (the "Act") authorizes cities incorporated in accordance with the laws of the state of Kansas (the "State") to designate reinvestment housing incentive districts within such city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, Kansas (the "City") constitutes a city as said term is defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, a housing needs analysis titled Housing Lansing (the "Analysis") has been performed with regard to the City, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. B-10-2024 adopted by the City Council (the "Governing Body") made certain findings relating to the need for financial incentives for the construction of quality housing within the City, declared it advisable to establish a reinvestment housing incentive district pursuant to the Act and authorized the submission of such Resolution and the Analysis to the Kansas Department of Commerce in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce, pursuant to a letter dated August 12, 2024, authorized the City to proceed with the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has caused to be prepared a plan (the "Plan") for the development or redevelopment of housing and public facilities in the proposed Monroe Manor Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (the "District") in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes:

1. The legal description and map required by K.S.A. 12-5244(a);
2. The existing assessed valuation of the real estate in the proposed District listing the land and improvement values separately;
3. A list of the names and addresses of the owners of record of all real estate parcels within the proposed District;
4. A description of the housing and public facilities project or projects that are proposed to be constructed or improved in the proposed District, and the location thereof;
5. A listing of the names, addresses and specific interests in real estate in the proposed District of the developers responsible for development of the housing and public facilities in the proposed District;
6. The contractual assurances, if any, the Governing Body has received from such developer or developers, guaranteeing the financial feasibility of specific housing tax incentive projects in the proposed District;
7. A comprehensive analysis of the feasibility of providing housing tax incentives in the proposed District as provided in the Act, which shows that the public benefits derived from such District will exceed the costs and that the income therefrom, together with all public and private sources of funding, will be sufficient to pay for the public improvements that may be undertaken in the District.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body proposes to continue proceedings necessary to create the District and adopt the Plan by the calling of a public hearing on such matters in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANSING, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Proposed Reinvestment Housing Incentive District.** The Governing Body hereby declares an intent to consider establishing the District. The District is proposed to be formed within the boundaries of the real estate legally described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, and shown on the map depicting the existing parcels of land attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. A list of the names and addresses of the owners of record of all real estate parcels within the proposed District and the existing assessed valuation of said real estate, listing the land and improvement values separately, is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

**Section 2. Proposed Plan.** The Governing Body hereby further declares its intent to adopt the Plan in substantially the form presented to the Governing Body on this date, with such changes or supplements as may be approved by the City. A copy of the Plan shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and be available for public inspection during normal business hours. A description of the housing and public facilities projects that are proposed to be constructed or improved in the proposed District, and the location thereof are described in **Exhibit D** attached hereto. A summary of the contractual assurances by the developer and the comprehensive feasibility analysis is contained in **Exhibit E** attached hereto.

**Section 3. Public Hearing.** Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Governing Body of the City to consider the establishment of the District and adoption of the Plan on **September 18, 2025** at City Hall, located at 800 First Terrace, Lansing, Kansas 66043; the public hearing to commence at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Governing Body can hear the matter. At the public hearing, the Governing Body will receive public comment on such matters, and may, after the conclusion of such public hearing, consider the findings necessary for establishment of the District and adoption of the Plan, all pursuant to the Act.

**Section 4. Notice of Public Hearing.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for notice of the public hearing by taking the following actions;

A. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to:

- i The Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County, Kansas;
- ii The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 469, Leavenworth County, Kansas (Lansing); and
- iii The Planning Commission of the City of Lansing, Kansas.

B. This Resolution, including **Exhibits A** through **E** attached hereto, shall be published at least once in the official newspaper of the City not less than one week or more than two weeks preceding the date of the public hearing.

C. This Resolution, including **Exhibits A** through **E** attached hereto, is available for inspection at the office of the clerk of the City at normal business hours. Members of the public are invited to review the plan and attend the public hearing on the date announced in this Resolution.

**Section 5. Further Action.** The Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk and the officials and employees of the City, including the City Attorney and Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as counsel to the City, are hereby further authorized and directed to take such other actions as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

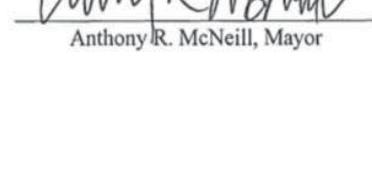
**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect after its adoption by the Governing Body.

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ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lansing, Kansas on August 7, 2025.

(SEAL)



  
Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tish Sims, City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MONROE MANOR REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT**

Tract 1:

The South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 22 East of the 6th P.M., Leavenworth County, Kansas

EXCEPT: A tract of land in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 9, Range 22, East of the 6th Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13, said point being 662.91 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section; thence North 87°43'00" East 208.71 feet to a point; thence South and parallel to the West line of said Section

208.71 feet to a point; thence South 87°43'00" West 208.71 feet to the point on the West line of said Section; thence North along said West line 208.71 feet to the point of beginning, Leavenworth

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County, Kansas, less that part taken for road purposes, as shown on survey dated April 30, 2008, by Donald G. White.

ALSO EXCEPT: A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 22 East of the 6th P.M., City of Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 13; thence North 01°20'07" East (assumed), 394.07 feet along the West line of Section 13 to the point of beginning of this tract; thence, North 01°20'07" East 60.00 feet along said West line; thence, North 89°11'24" East, 208.71 feet parallel with the North line of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13; thence, North 01°20'07" East 208.71 feet to the point of beginning, Leavenworth County, Kansas, less part taken or used for road and as per survey dated April 30, 2008, by Donald G. White.

Tract 2:

All the part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Township 9, Range 22 that lies South of Fairway Estates, 4th Plat, in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas, subject to that part of any, in streets, roadways, highways or other public rights-of-ways.

Tract 3:

A tract of land in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 9, Range 22, East of the 6th Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13, said point being 662.91 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section; thence North 87°43'00" East 208.71 feet to a point; thence South and parallel to the West line of said Section 208.71 feet to a point; thence South 87°43'00" West 208.71 feet to a point on the West line of said Section; thence North along said West line 208.71 feet to the point of beginning, Leavenworth County, Kansas, less that part taken for road purposes, as shown on survey dated April 30, 2008, by Donald G. White.

AND

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 22 East of the 6th P.M., City of Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 13; thence North 01°20'07" East (assumed), 394.07 feet along the West line of Section 13 to the point of beginning of this tract; thence, North 01°20'07" East 60.00 feet along said West line; thence, North 89°11'24" East, 208.71 feet parallel with the North line of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13; thence, North 01°20'07" East 208.71 feet to the point of beginning, Leavenworth County, Kansas, less part taken or used for road and as per survey dated April 30, 2008, by Donald G. White.

Together with public rights-of-way adjacent thereto

**EXHIBIT B**

**MAP OF PROPOSED MONROE MANOR REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT**



**EXHIBIT C**

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF ALL REAL ESTATE PARCELS WITHIN THE PROPOSED MONROE MANOR REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT AND THE EXISTING ASSESSED VALUATION OF SAID REAL ESTATE PARCELS AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE DEVELOPERS**

Owners of Real Property:

Circle H Holdings, LLC

5858 Naples Drive

Flower Mound, TX 75028-2304

Developer:

Circle H Land Development, LLC

5858 Naples Drive

Flower Mound, TX 75028-2304

Individuals with specific interest:

Circle H Holdings, LLC, has purchased and solely holds the real estate proposed to be within the boundaries of the District.

Existing Assessed Valuation of the District:

Land: \$86,968

Improvements: \$0

**EXHIBIT D**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT OR PROJECTS THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR IMPROVED IN THE PROPOSED MONROE MANOR REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT**

The housing and public facility project will include the construction and extension of certain infrastructure and utility improvements needed to develop a single-family residential development within the District, which is currently anticipated to include approximately 194 single family homes. The infrastructure and utility improvements constructed within the boundaries of the District are anticipated to include, but not be limited to the following:

Site preparation, construction of streets and roadways, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, and surfacing, sidewalk, parking, water mains and extensions, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, detention basins, gas, electric improvements, signage, erosion control, right-of-way improvements, and other related infrastructure, utility improvements and related expenses. Infrastructure improvements may be constructed prior to or concurrently with the housing facilities in the project.

**EXHIBIT E**

**SUMMARY OF THE CONTRACTUAL ASSURANCES BY THE DEVELOPER AND OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS**

**Contractual Assurances**

The Governing Body expects to enter into a Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement") with Circle H Land Development, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and/or Circle H Holdings, LLC (the "Developer"). The Development Agreement will include the project construction schedule, a description of projects to be constructed, financial obligations of the developer, and administrative support from the City. The Development Agreement will include contractual assurances, if any, the Governing Body has received from the Developer guaranteeing the financial feasibility of specific housing tax incentive projects in the proposed district.

**Feasibility Study**

The Developer and Spencer Fane LLP have conducted a study to determine whether the public benefits derived from the District will exceed the costs and that the income from the District, together with other sources of revenue provided by the developer, would be sufficient to pay for the public improvements to be undertaken in the District. The analysis estimates the property tax revenues that will be generated from the development of the District, less existing property taxes and certain unavailable property tax revenues to determine the revenue stream available to support the costs of the public infrastructure. The estimates indicate that the revenue realized from the project together with other sources of Developer funds would be adequate to pay the eligible costs.



Jackson Jennings, Chris Concannon, Chief Joe Gates, Mark Alligood and Brock Pierce are shown with a new pumper truck. Connie Parish

## Lansing Fire Department unveils new pumper truck

**Connie Parish**

Special to the Times

The Lansing Fire Department has a new pumper truck, which was on display near City Hall prior to the Sept. 4 council meeting.

Fire Chief Joe Gates said he is happy about the new truck, and said this added to the department's inventory since it lost two trucks in the split when Fire District No. 1 was dissolved.

The city of Lansing and Delaware Township, which contracts with the city, provide protection to their areas.

High Prairie Township, previously in the district, opted to provide its own service.

When it existed, the fire district had four pumper trucks, one 2017, one 2014, one 2008 and one 2005. High Prairie wanted the 2014 truck and one other one.

Gates described the new truck as an "all around truck" that will go to structure fires, wrecks and other emergencies. It has a 1,000-gallon tank and a 1,500-gallon a minute pump.

Since it was designed to the fire department's specifications, Gates said it took

about 10 months from the day it was ordered to the day it was received. Lansing City Council members approved its purchase at an October 2024 meeting.

The proposal for the pumper listed the price at \$851,501 if it was paid upon delivery. If it was prepaid, the city would receive a discount of \$21,874, lowering the price to \$829,627, and the Council opted for that plan.

Not only Gates was excited about the new pumper, so were a number of his crew who came to City Hall and

talked to interested Council members prior to the meeting and also posed for a photo.

Council members also acted on another proposal to benefit the fire department.

The department had requested a slide-in unit for the department's 2017 Chevy one-ton pickup. It will be used to fight brush fires in the response area. The purchase gives the department a second brush truck.

The bid accepted was from Feld Fire for \$19,949. Since it's a slide-in unit, Gates pointed out it could slide into a new truck when necessary.

### In other business

The Lansing City Council:

- Presided over the promotion of three police officers. Sgt. Richard DeMateo was promoted to lieutenant, and officers Dustin Grace and Lee Adkisson were promoted to sergeant.

- Presented a proclamation to the Leavenworth County Humane Society in recognition of its accomplishments.

- Set a public hearing date of Nov. 6 for the potential creation of a Community Improvement District (CID) for 15.7 acres in Lansing's Towne Centre. This would involve the city levying a 1% CID sales tax.

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE INTEREST OF P.H.

CASE NO. LV-2024-JC-000108

DOB xx /xx /2024 A female

#### NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2267 TO: John Doe/Unknown Father(s), Putative Father and all other persons who are or may be concerned

A motion to find the parent(s) of each child named above unfit and to terminate parental rights, appoint a permanent custodian, or enter such orders as are deemed appropriate and just has been filed. A hearing on that motion will be conducted on October 1, 2025 at 1:30pm, in Courtroom #3 of the Leavenworth County Justice Center located at 601 S 3rd St, in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas. The Court will receive testimony and other relevant information with regard to the safety and wellbeing of each child named above and may enter orders regarding custody and case planning necessary to achieve permanency for each child named above, including proposals for living arrangements for the child(ren) and services to be provided the child and the child(ren)'s family. The following persons shall receive notice by return receipt delivery, except as set out in K.S.A 38-2267(b)(3): the parents, parties, interested parties, grandparents, the closest relative of each of the child's parents whose address is known if no living grandparent's address is known, the parent's nearest relative who can be located if a parent of a child cannot be located by the exercise of due diligence, the child(ren)'s foster parent(s) or permanent custodian(s), preadoptive parents, and relatives providing care.

No person receiving this notice shall be made a party or interested party to this action solely on the basis of this notice.

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An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Patrick J Cahill, 901 N 20th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: C. Joseph Osborn, 529 Delaware St, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Date and time of hearing: October 1, 2025 at 1:30pm Place of hearing: Courtroom 3 of the Leavenworth County Justice Center in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas

Amanda White, Deputy Clerk First Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 3, 2025.(2t)

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE INTEREST OF M. G. B.

Case No. LV-2024-JC-000107

DOB xx /xx /2008 A female

#### NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2267 TO: Janie Marie Lynn Lewis, Mother and all other persons who are or may be concerned

A motion to find the parent(s) of each child named above unfit and to terminate parental rights, appoint a permanent custodian, or enter such orders as are deemed appropriate and just has been filed. A hearing on that motion will be conducted on October 1, 2025 at 1:00 pm, in Courtroom #3 of the Leavenworth County Justice Center located at 601 S 3rd St, in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas. The Court will receive testimony and other relevant information with regard to the safety and wellbeing of each child named above and may enter orders regarding custody and case planning necessary to achieve permanency for each child named above, including proposals for living arrangements for the child(ren) and services to be provided the child and the child(ren)'s family. The following persons shall receive notice by return receipt delivery, except as set out in K.S.A 38-2267(b)(3): the parents, parties, interested parties, grandparents, the closest relative of each of the child's parents whose address is known if no living grandparent's address is known, the parent's nearest relative who can be located if a parent of a child cannot be located by the exercise of due diligence, the child(ren)'s foster parent(s) or permanent custodian(s), preadoptive parents, and relatives providing care.

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Amanda White, Deputy Clerk First Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 10, 2025.(2t)

### RESOLUTION 2025-30

A resolution of the Leavenworth County Kansas Board of Commissioners, authorizing a rezoning from RR-5 to RR-2.5 as defined by the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations of Leavenworth County, Kansas on the following described property:

PARCEL I  
The Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 21 East of the Sixth P.M., less one and a half acres, more or less, described as follows: Beginning at a point 78 rods North of the Southwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence East 13 rods; thence South 18 rods; thence West 13 rods to the West boundary line of said Quarter Section; thence North 18 rods on the West line of said Quarter Section to the place of beginning. Also excepting a 10 acre tract, more or less, or that part lying North and West of Kansas State Highway 92, less any part taken or used

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for road, in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

Also excepting: A tract of land in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 21 East of the 6th P.M., Leavenworth County, Kansas, more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 01° 57' 31" West, an assumed bearing, for a distance of 1,000.00 feet along the West line of said Northeast Quarter to the Southwest corner of said cemetery tract recorded in Deed Book 469, Page 785; thence North 87° 45' 57" East for a distance of 272.00 feet along said East line to a 1/2" Bar with Cap No. 1296; thence South 87° 45' 57" West for a distance of 2436.46 feet to the point of beginning.

Intent of above legal description to described a tract of land being bounded on the West by the Easterly right-of-way of K-92 Highway, on the South by property owned by Joel Uptain, and bordering the lines of the Bethel Cemetery property deeded in Book 469, Page 785. K-92 is a state highway that has a 66 foot right-of-way. No recorded information was discovered from the Leavenworth County Register of Deeds, KDOT or the Kansas Bureau of Right-of-ways referencing the deed for said right-of-way. The above legal description describes the center line of the existing pavement and center line markings of said K-92 Highway. As per survey dated March 6, 2002 by Herring Surveying #K-01-111.

AND

PARCEL II  
A strip of land 30 feet wide and the full length North and South off the West side of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 21 East of the 6th P.M., in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

LESS

The South 1720 feet of the West 30 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 21 East of the 6th P.M., in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the request for a Rezoning as described above was filed with the Secretary of the Leavenworth County Planning Commission, on the 30th day of June, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Leavenworth County Planning Commission, after notice as required by law, did conduct a public hearing for Case DEV-25-074, upon the granting of such request for a Rezoning on the 13th day of August, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Leavenworth County Planning Commission, based upon specific findings of fact incorporated by reference herein, did recommend that the Rezoning be approved; and

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87° 45' 57" East for a distance of 2434.9710 feet to the East line of said Northeast Quarter, said point being a 1/2" Bar with Cap No. 1296; thence South 02° 26' 37" East for a distance of 720.00 feet along said East line to a 1/2" Bar with Cap No. 1296; thence South 87° 45' 57" West for a distance of 2436.46 feet to the point of beginning.

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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners considered, in session on the 3rd day of September, 2025, the recommendation of the Leavenworth County Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN REGULAR SESSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE

1. Based upon the recommendation and findings of fact of the Leavenworth County Planning Commission and the findings of fact adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session on the 3rd day of September, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference, it is hereby resolved that request for rezoning as described above, also known as 21443 Springdale Road, Parcel Identification Number 112-09-0-00-001 & 112-10-0-00-006, is hereby granted.

2. The Planning and Zoning Department of Leavenworth County, Kansas is hereby ordered to and directed to cause such designations to be made on the official District Map of Leavenworth County in its custody and to show property herein described to be now zoned RR-2.5. Said District Map previously incorporated by reference by Section 4 of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations of the Leavenworth County, Kansas is hereby incorporated as part of the Zoning Resolution as amended.

3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the Leavenworth Times.

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2025  
Board of County Commissioners  
Leavenworth, County, Kansas

/s/Mike Smith, Chairman

/s/Jeff Culbertson, Member

/s/Vanessa Reid, Member

/s/Willie Dove, Member

/s/Mike Stieben, Member

ATTEST:

/s/Fran Keppler, Leavenworth County Clerk  
Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 10, 2025.

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