

SUMMER 2016

TOWN TALK



Garnett, Kansas



City Commission



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From The Commission...

Look Up

Look up to the faces of those who have served our country in the past and continue to serve today. As you drive around town, through the end of July, look up to the banners of those to whom we owe so much and remember. Our own children, our brothers and sisters, our fathers, our grandfathers, our great-grandfathers, our aunts and uncles. Our own families who have in the past and today continue to selflessly give of their lives and their time to make our country great.

After Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, with the United States reeling and wounded, something dramatic was needed to turn the war effort around. Even though there were no friendly airfields close enough to Japan for the United States to launch a retaliation, a daring plan was devised. Sixteen B-25s were modified so that they could take off from the deck of an aircraft carrier. This had never before been tried.

The 16 five-man crews, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who himself flew the lead plane off the USS Hornet, knew that they could not carry enough fuel to be able to return to the carrier. They would have to hit Japan and then hope to make it to China for a safe landing. But on the day of the raid, the Japanese military caught wind of the plan. The Raiders had to take off from much farther out in the Pacific Ocean than they had counted on. They knew they would not have enough fuel to make it to safety.

AND YET THEY WENT!

They bombed Tokyo and then flew as far as they could. Four planes crash-landed; 11 more crews bailed out, and three of the Raiders died. Eight

more were captured; three were executed. Of the 80 Raiders, 62 survived the war. By the end of the war the odds were even worse. For every four airmen who went to battle only one returned and three perished.

AND YET THEY WENT!

That is why we have all around us military air fields left over from the war. Airfields at Olathe, Parsons, Independence, Herington, Pratt, Yoder and many more had the mission to train airman to replace the lost three.

AND YET THEY WENT!

Our own local heroes that we remember today knew and know the odds.

AND YET THEY WENT/GO!

Veterans from Anderson County of the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and more knew/know the risk.

AND YET THEY WENT/GO!

May we be forever thankful for the great generations who gave/give completely of their time and talent to preserve our freedom and allow us to live in peace.

May they be an example and inspiration to their sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May we today inherit their selfless attitude to meet the dangers of today and tomorrow.

Protect our country, oh Lord, from the grave dangers and evils that we now face.

May today's generation LOOK UP and rise to the challenge to make our country great with the same selflessness of their forbearers that these banners remind us of today.

W. Gordon Blackie,
Commissioner



From The City Manager..

A special thanks to everyone who sponsored the military banners. To date, a total of 84 banners will hang on the downtown square and along Highway 59 prior to the July 4th holiday. I commend Commissioner Blackie for his article that pays tribute to those who have fought and those who continue to fight for our freedom. I acknowledge and thank them and their families who have sacrificed so much.

Summer has arrived bringing all types of activities to enjoy, whether you are a participant or a spectator. Have you ever stopped and realized how fortunate we are to have so many things to do this time of year? Let's remember to thank all the coaches who give so unselfishly of their time to teach our young people good sportsmanship and the rules of the game. Offer your help whenever you can. Not only are sporting venues plentiful, the library has many activities for young and old alike. The library deserves a big thanks as well because their activities give everyone something to do in addition to baseball, swimming and going to the rec center.

Some of the city advisory boards are very busy working on new projects. Please read the article about the Walker Art Committee holiday fantasy orbs. One of the committee members saw this on the internet and read how several communities have found this project to be a great tourism attraction, not to mention how beautiful it can make our town. So join them and let's see how creative you can be.

The 2016 Walker Art Experience summer art classes were very successful. Ten students, ages 10 and up, were instructed by Jim Stuke. This is the second year for this program.

The Garnett Community Foundation board has started working on their Pub-2-Pub event that will be held on September 10th. This run/walk event attracts people from several towns and serves as a fund-raiser that allows this board to purchase items for the recreation center and other community projects and facilities. Most recently, they helped the city purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the tot lot. Their next venture is the possibility of constructing a dog park somewhere in Garnett. The Community Foundation has done their homework and found this can be rather expensive. However, they want to go ahead to try and find a proper location and see what it will take to raise the funds. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call me and I'll give your name to the board.

Over the last few years, they have accepted tax exempt donations for the library, recreation center, Garnett Area Paint Project (GAPP) and the military banners. The Garnett Community Foundation is in need of another board member so here's your chance to help this active group of people. Volunteer. They meet on the first Monday of each month at the recreation center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in serving on the PRIDE committee should call me at City Hall, (785) 448-5496. Garnett had a very successful youth and adult PRIDE program many years ago and I am

anxious to share the enthusiasm this organization can bring to our community. This is an excellent program for students who need community service hours to graduate.

Chris Goetz approached the governing body to gain their approval to construct the North Lake Disc Golf Course. According to Chris, this is a free sport that promotes good exercise and family fun. His experience with this type of course shows that people will travel hundreds of miles to play a good, creative disc golf course. His proposal is to start with 12 holes then expand to 24 holes. He shared a map of the North Lake Park which had the course drawn on it. The governing body and city staff gave full support to the idea. As with any new project, funds will need to be raised. If you're interested, please contact Chris. Donations will be accepted at City Hall for this project. Make checks payable to the Garnett Community Foundation (donations are tax-deductible). It is amazing how many organizations and individuals are planning things for Garnett with the thought in mind of how it can attract people to town with the end result being to help our economy. It might not seem like much, but add everything together and it makes a difference.

The department heads and I continue to work on our utility infrastructure including the sewer system and the water plant. Work on the sewer lines is well underway and will continue for many years to come. The design for a new water plant is getting closer to completion and we should have plans for the commission to review within the next few months.

The Prosperity Foundation hired a contractor to demolish the old Church Furniture factory building. While it is sad to see a part of Garnett's history removed, it will hopefully make way for a small industrial park which already has adequate utilities and good road access. Economic Development Director Dennis Arnold is helping to oversee this project.

Approximately \$225,000 will be spent on road repairs this year. Because of a generous donation from the Lake Garnett Racing Association, a considerable amount of work will be done on the North Lake Road, including replacement of the large culvert on the east side of Lake Garnett. This road will have to be closed for a period of time later in the summer which will present a big challenge because of all the activities that are planned around the park. Watch the local newspapers, Channel 20, and the city's website for further information on this project.

The commission will be conducting some special workshops over the next few weeks to discuss and plan the 2017 budget. It takes a great amount of time and thought to put this together. This includes the preparation of a five (5) year capital improvement plan for all departments. These workshops are open to the public so please watch the papers and city website for the dates.

Have a good summer and enjoy some leisure time with your family and friends.

Respectfully,
Joyce E. Martin, City Manager



Five Business Appreciation Award Recipients Honored



2016 BAM Regional Award Winner - Guest Home Estates VII. Pictured, back row: Kelsey Worley, Sheila Wilson, Melissa McCann, Bailee Rockers, Sherry Jones, Tonya Dilley, Danielle Sumrall and Emilee Poage; front row: Jena Ahring, Amy Reynolds, Hannah Goode, Maddie Goode, Kathy Preston and Alice Dexter.



2016 BAM Regional Award Winner - Sandra's Quick Stop. L-R: Carlee Leinweber, Josh Betts, Deb Badders, Terry and Sandra Zook, Andrea Hiner, Morgan Parks and Angie Miller. Not pictured: Carl Feuerborn, John Shields, Steve Platt, Lloyd Sutton, Julie Carriger, Melissa Miller, Wanda Roberts, Sue Sherbon, Randy Hermreck, Mackenzie Lutz, Kinlee Jones, Lexee Ramsey and Brenda McCain.



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Kansas Property Place



Patriots Bank

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced 26 Regional Business of Excellence Award winners and 63 Merit Award winners as a part of the 2016 Business Appreciation Month that took place in June. Kansas businesses are recognized for the contributions made to their communities and the state economy.

"Business Appreciation Month gives the Commerce Department the opportunity to show its support, recognition and gratitude for the businesses who work hard to excel in the State of Kansas," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Antonio Soave. "The 89 businesses that have been selected as winners of the 2016 Business Appreciation Month represents the dedication of Kansas workers, the resounding infrastructure that these businesses are built on and the level of support created by the State of Kansas, for every type of business." Two Garnett businesses were selected among the 26 regional winners.

Guest Home Estates VII, owned by the Lightning Creek Investment Group, received the Regional Business of Excellence Award representing the Hospital/Non-Profit category. Guest Home Estates is a 30-bed facility, constructed in 2007, that provides 24-hour medical care, housekeeping and laundry services, 3 home cooked meals daily and snack service. Guest Home Estates offers assisted living in a warm and friendly environment. They understand that placing a loved one in the care of strangers can be difficult and their goal is to allay all fears and doubts by providing friendly service in a family atmosphere. More than just staff members, they are family and Guest Home Estates is a place to call home. Guest Home Estates is the proud residence of 9 current United States veterans in which they celebrate with a yearly veteran recognition. They have veterans representing WWII and Korea.

Sandra's Quick Stop, owned by Terry and Sandra Zook, received the Regional Business of Excellence Award representing the Retail category. Sandra treats her employees like family and encourages her employees to do the same. If an employee needs off, another one is happy to help out. While the convenience store industry tends to have high turnover rates, Sandra's Quick Stop has a very, very low rate of turnover in employees. Even though this company is relatively new, in its 5th year and growing, the quality of this business and the spirit in which Sandra Zook exemplifies entrepreneurship in the community is outstanding. Proof is in the fact that this business has received not only Business of the Year by the local Chamber of Commerce but through Kansas BPW, recognizing Sandra's woman-owned business success. Sandra and her family continue to expand their business portfolio by adding Simple Simons Pizza to the convenience store, the creation of the 6th Avenue Boutique & Bronze, and recent purchase of what is now Maple Street Liquor.

"Sandra and Terry are prime examples of home grown entrepreneurship at its best, right here in Garnett, Kansas," said City Manager Joyce Martin when nominating this business.

Among the 63 Merit Award winners, 3 entities were honored from Garnett. They are the Kansas Property Place-Service category; Maloan's Restaurant-Retail category, and Patriots Bank-Retail category.

All of these award winners were nominated by the City of Garnett and were presented their awards during the June 28th Garnett City Commission Meeting. The full list of the 89 award winners is available online at www.KansasCommerce.biz.



Summer Fun Activities and Events

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to stay connected!

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE:

www.SimplyGarnett.com "Community Calendar"

JULY

- 2 LIBERTYFEST, North Lake Park. Children activities 7:30 p.m. Fireworks at dark. (Rain date: 07/03/16)
- 2 Night Golf Social, Garnett Country Club, 7:30 p.m.-12:00 am.
- 4 All City offices and library closed, Independence Day holiday observed. Refuse service will run one (1) day late this week.
- 4 4th of July Breakfast, Garnett Senior Center, 8 a.m.
- 4 Free swim day at Garnett Municipal Pool.
- 5 Library Board Meeting, Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- 5-26 Storytime for Preschoolers, held each Tuesday in July at Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- 6 KC Wolf visits fire station for Family Night hosted by Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 8-10 Member/Guest Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 8 a.m.
- 11 Anderson County Coalition Meeting, Extension Office, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 Community Foundation Meeting, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Housing Authority Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 11 Airport Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Recycling trailer at Country Mart.
- 12-15 Grades K-2nd Camp, Garnett Public Library, 1:00-3:30 p.m. Pre-register by July 5th.
- 12 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 14 GACC Ambassadors Meeting, Prairie Belle's, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 GACC Board Meeting, Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 8 a.m.
- 16 MSTPA Truck & Tractor Pull, pulling track, North Lake Park, 7 p.m.
- 17-23: Garnett Area Paint Project Week.

- July 18-Aug 8: Sign up for Tackle Football (Grades 3-6) at Garnett Recreation Center.
- 19 Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA) Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 20 Caffeine & Colors, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- 26 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 27 Book discussion, "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend", Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 28 Walker Art Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 30 Women's Member/Guest Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 30 Summer Reading Program Ending Party at Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.

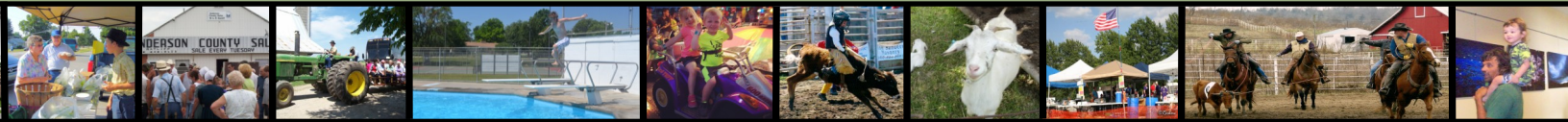
AUGUST

- 1-6 Anderson County Fair, "Timeless Traditions".
- 1-31 Sign up for Youth Volleyball (Grades 3-6) at Garnett Recreation Center.
- 1 Library Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 1 Community Foundation Meeting, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 1 Draft Horse Pull, Anderson County Fair, 7 p.m.
- 2 VOTE! Primary Elections, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 2-5 Fun Time Carnival rides at Anderson County Fair, 6:00-10:30 p.m. nightly.
- 2 Anderson County Fair Parade, stadium, 7 p.m.
- 3 Merchants Tent & Pie Contest at Fair.
- 3 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 USD 365 enrollment for all schools, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or online: www.usd365.org.
- 5 Concert at the fair (stadium) featuring Just Passin' Through Band, freewill donation, 9 p.m.
- 6 Anderson County Fair Demolition Derby, rodeo arena, 7 p.m.
- 6-7 Garnett Enduro Club Road Races, North Lake Park.

- 7 Garnett Country Club Championship Golf Tournament, 9 a.m.
- 8-22 Sign up for Cheerleading (Grades 3-6) and Flag Football (Grades 1-4) at Garnett Recreation Center.
- 8 Anderson County Coalition Meeting, Extension Office, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Airport Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Housing Authority Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 9 Recycling trailer at Country Mart.
- 9 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Garnett Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 GACC Ambassadors Meeting, Daylight Donuts, 8:30 a.m.
- 11 GACC Board Meeting, Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 15-29 Sign up for Future Footballers (Age 5 through Kindergarten) at Garnett Recreation Center.
- 16 Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA) Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 18 First day of school.
- 18-21 & 25-28: "The Savannah Sipping Society", presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Community Playhouse.
- 21 Westphalia Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 23 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25 Walker Art Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 27 Couples Golf Tournament and Social, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 29 Library Board Meeting, Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- Aug. 29-Sept. 15: Teams sign up for Fall Coed Volleyball League at Garnett Recreation Center.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 All City offices closed, Labor Day holiday observed. Refuse service will run one (1) day late this week.
- 6 Storytime for Preschoolers, held each Tuesday while school is in session at Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.



Check out the new "Bulletin Board":
<https://www.SimplyGarnett.com/bulletin-board.html>

- 6 Community Foundation Meeting, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 SEK Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 7 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Fall City Wide Garage Sales, sponsored by Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 10 Pub2Pub 10K Run, Walk or Crawl, fundraiser for the Garnett Community Foundation, Garnett to Scipio, start time: 4:30 p.m.
- 12-16 Fall Clean-Up Week.
- 12 Airport Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Housing Authority Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 13 Recycling trailer at Country Mart.
- 13 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16-17 Anderson County Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 8 a.m.
- 20 Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA) Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 22 Walker Art Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 24 Kids Fishing Derby, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 24 12th Annual Cornstock Music Festival, presented by the Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. Main stage: Montgomery Gentry, Whiskey Myers, Little Texas & more. Gates open at 3 p.m.
- 27 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Garnett City Hall, 131 W. 5th Avenue.

FIND WHAT YOU NEED ONLINE:

NEW WEBSITE -
www.SimplyGarnett.com

Email: info@garnettks.net

FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK ANNOUNCED

The Garnett City Commission has designated *September 12 through September 16, 2016 as Fall Clean-up Week* for residential areas. The City of Garnett provides for the pickup of unwanted items as a free service to all city residential refuse customers, with consideration of the following guidelines:

RESIDENTIAL PICK-UP

A. Crews will start at the north end of town and proceed south until the entire town is covered. City Crews will not return to an area they have already been to.

B. The following items must be placed in separate piles:

1. Brush
2. Leaves and lawn clippings
3. Paper
4. Metal (no car or vehicle parts)
5. Appliances
6. Furniture
7. Lumber
8. Rock/Concrete
9. Shingles
10. Sheetrock

Please Note: Items not placed in separate piles as stated in (B) will not be picked up. The City also requests that you keep clean-up items separate from weekly solid waste trash that is picked up by the refuse department.

Any appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc., will not be taken. Also, materials to be disposed of from torn down dilapidated buildings, or that of construction projects will not be picked up; nor such items as tires, batteries, paint, e-waste (computers, etc), or any other hazardous waste items.

Please Note: Free pick-up for commercial businesses is no longer available at the request of the Anderson County Commission.

BURNING REQUIREMENTS

The Garnett City Commission rescinded the need for residents to obtain written authorization to burn within the city limits. However, it is still a requirement to notify the Law Enforcement Center Dispatch Office by calling 448-6823 before you start burning. The Garnett Fire Department and Anderson County Emergency Management ask that you please adhere to the following instructions for your safety and that of your neighbors:

- Burning of grass, leaves and tree limbs must be in manageable piles that are attended at all times (no wood, lumber, furniture or mattresses).
- Burning must not occur in right-of-way or in streets. Location of fire must be clear of overhead lines and clear from any exposure threat to any structure.
- A source of water shall be available or a means of extinguishing piles at all times.
- Burning to be conducted during daylight hours only.
- No burning during adverse weather conditions, such as winds over 15 mph, fog exists or visibility is hampered. Citations can be issued.
- Controlled burn is to be completely extinguished before leaving burn site unattended.



We're an "Orbary" Community!

An Announcement from the Walker Art Committee...



We are embarking on a wonderful new project that we hope our citizens will enjoy and participate in.

Candy Hewes, a member of the Walker Committee, is pictured showing some of the Holiday Fantasy Orbs that the committee is making. Several of these orbs will be hung in a tree on the east side of Lake Garnett during Libertyfest on July 2nd so people can get an idea of what the orbs will look like. The plan is to make several orbs to hang in the trees along Fourth Avenue at Christmas.

While our main goal is to encourage people to make their own orbs (lighted balls) and hang them in the trees on their own property during the Christmas season, we hope the idea will catch on and people will make ones for other holidays.

Starter packets will be available for \$10 which will contain enough materials and the instructions on how to make one orb. If you are interested in obtaining a packet, please contact Walker Art Committee board member, Wanda Taylor, at (785) 448-2156.

Airport Manager Receives Flight Review



Gary Ecclefield, Airport Manager for the Garnett Industrial Airport, received currency training in the form of a Bi-Annual Flight review. Gordon Blackie was the examiner. They were accompanied by a student interested in obtaining training to become a

private pilot. Items covered were short field take offs and landings, steep and shallow approaches, standard rate turns, entries into Airport airspace, radio communications, and off field emergency landing procedures.

These flights last at least an hour where the pilot in command responds to the wishes of the examiner and is judged on his ability to execute them.

After the flying segment is completed there follows an hour of debriefing and ground instruction and review of the proper use of the different classes of airspace including controlled and uncontrolled airspace. The examiner then writes an endorsement in the pilot's logbook stating that the pilot is proficient in knowledge and flying skills for two more years when the process will be again repeated.



City Launches 10-Year Sewer Rehabilitation Plan

Construction and temporary street closings to be expected.

Last year, city crews began the process of implementing a ten (10) year sewer rehabilitation plan. A crew from Midwest Drain & Sewer came to Garnett to clean and televise approximately 10 blocks of 8 inch sanitary sewer mains. Following that procedure, the City Commission approved the purchase of a VeriSight Pro

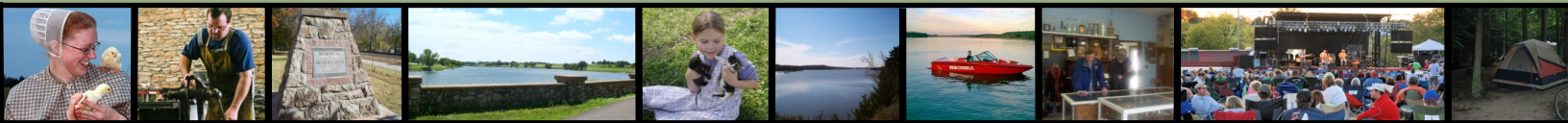
push camera which will allow our crew to check sewer lines for problems. Recently, this camera was used to view sewer lines beneath Highway 59 and some connecting streets in preparation of the installation of insituform in this area. This process is less invasive and reduces the need to excavate streets, alleys and yards.

In the fall of 2015, Tom Adams Construction installed a new sewer lift by the Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool. Lyle Rockers & Son Construction recently completed repairing several sewer lines from Fourth Avenue to First Avenue between Maple and Vine.

The City Commission has approved a 10-year capital improvement sewer rehabilitation plan at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million. Current sewer rates will cover the first phase of the improvements.

As with any construction, closing streets is a necessity. We appreciate your patience and understanding when this happens in your neighborhood. If any resident has questions regarding this project, please contact me at the treatment plant at (785) 448-3354. Please leave a message if no one is available to answer and someone will call you back.

Sincerely,
John Olson
Wastewater Superintendent



Did You Know...

Join us in welcoming the following city employees: **Angela Kelley**, Administrative Assistant-Garnett Housing Authority, and **Joe Owens**, Power Plant Operator.

Doug Mader, Assistant Power Plant Superintendent, retired June 1 after 11 years of service. We wish Doug the best! **Jim Wilson** has been promoted to Assistant Power Plant Superintendent.

The City of Garnett would like to recognize the following employees for reaching these respective milestone anniversaries:

5 Years: **Charley Caron**, Assistant Manager, Garnett Recreation Center

5 Years: **Jeff Finn**, Volunteer Firefighter

10 years: **Joe Wilper**, Volunteer Firefighter

Training: **Joe Ray**, Assistant Gas and Water Superintendent and **Eric Trammell**, Wastewater Maintenance Worker II, attended Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) School and received certification to test and repair cross connections and back flow preventers.

The city is very proud to include the youth of our community to fill many of the positions within our parks and recreation and library, along with adult seasonal staff who spend their summer helping the city provide programs and amenities to Garnett citizens and visitors alike. We would like to recognize these individuals for their contributions to the quality of life in our community:

Municipal Pool Manager: **Deb McMahon**.

Municipal Pool Lifeguards: **Logan Allen, Preston Allen, Katie Allnutt, Morgan Egidy, Remi Hedges, Lakin Katzer, Katie Lybarger, Ashlyn Martin (Co-Manager), Madison Martin, Eliza Sibley (Co-Manager), Jade Todd, and Tanner Wilson.**

Pool Concessions/Front Desk: **Tatum Ahring, Morgan Bachman, Cameron Betts, Chandler Betts, Jaxcen Farren, Ashley Kaufman, Allison McGee, and Mason Shriber.**

Water Aerobics Instructor: **Anne Marie Strobel.**

Umpires: **Michael Bowen, Wes Fritz, Mike Hermann, Trevor Johnston, Kinlee Jones, Mike Kaufman, Mason Louk, Mackenzie Lutz, Kaleigh Maloan, Amber Owens, Kyle Peine, Bailee Rockers, Nathan Roth, Paige Scheckel, Gregory Welch, Zach Wilper, and Ben Yoder, Jr.**

Ball Coordinator: **Sami Jo Peine.**

Ball Complex Concessions: **Ashley Kaufman, Trenton Church, and Sara Teel.**

Ball Field Maintenance: **Tyler Wolken.**

Park Mowers: **Matt Stevenson and Seth Wolken.**

Gardener for city facilities: **Sue Durand, LeRoy Hamilton and Butch Rocker.**

Library-Summer Aid: **Gwendolyn Sibley.**

Project Garnett Remembers patriotic pole banner project has received overwhelming support with a total of 84 banners being sponsored. The pole banners represent military personnel who have once served or are currently serving our country. Once the banners are retired this year, they will be brought back out prior to Memorial Day in 2017 and will be on display through Independence Day (July 4.) The City is accepting banner sponsorships through the end of March next year. Sponsor-

ship is \$200 and includes hardware and installation. Interested in sponsoring a banner? Contact City Hall or download the sponsorship form from the wwwSimplyGarnett.com website.

Pay Online: To pay online visit wwwSimplyGarnett.com and click on "Utilities" or "Court" and select "Make a Payment".

Ordinance 3737 allows for the shooting of fireworks in the Garnett city limits from Monday, June 27 through Tuesday, July 5. Fireworks are not permitted in the North Lake Park during Libertyfest, Saturday, July 2.

VOTE! Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd for the primary election. While there are county seats in which the primary will be held, there is no primary for the City Commission ballot. City residents will vote on November 8th during the general election to determine who will serve the City of Garnett for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2017. Candidates for Garnett City Commission include incumbent Mayor **Greg A. Gwin, Chris Kanawyer, Paula Scott, and Travis Wilson.**

Storm Shelters: This safety reminder is to make sure you know that in the event of a severe weather warning, the Garnett Fire Department has established the following locations for the public to seek shelter:

First Baptist Church
417 S. Walnut Street
(785) 448-5749

First United Methodist Church
205 S. Oak Street
(785) 448-3300

Sign up for CodeRED: Have you signed up yet? Forms are available at city hall or you can sign up online at www.andersoncountyks.org (Emergency Preparedness tab). A feature of **CodeRED** is the availability of receiving text messages via your cell phone. **CodeRED** is an emergency notification system and allows Anderson County Emergency Management to alert you in the event of an emergency situation, such as severe weather, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism, boil water notices and missing child reports.

Do you like to take pictures? We want your favorite photos of beautiful scenery, fun activities and events, and community attractions. Email them to us at info@garnettks.net or share them at www.Facebook.com/GarnettKS and your pictures could be featured in the next issue of *Town Talk*!

This TOWN TALKS! With the questions received at City Hall it sometimes makes city staff wonder if anyone reads *Town Talk*. Knowing this quarterly newsletter is sent to everyone within the 66032 area zip code, we are offering this: The first (ten) 10 people to come into Garnett City Hall with a copy of this issue of *Town Talk* in hand will receive a FREE shirt! What are you waiting for? Reading this newsletter just might make you a lucky winner! *Town Talk* is also available for online viewing at: wwwSimplyGarnett.com.



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Libertyfest - July 2

Not Just Another Fireworks Display

Make plans now to spend Saturday, July 2nd at Lake Garnett for Libertyfest 2016. Libertyfest, held annually in Garnett, is not just another fireworks display. This special event has been voted one of the "14 Epic Fireworks Shows in Kansas That Will Blow You Away" (www.onlyinyourstate.com/Kansas/Kansas-fireworks/).

***New in 2016:** Libertyfest will be held at Lake Garnett on Saturday, July 2nd. Be sure to head out to your favorite spot in the park where you can enjoy family fun activities, music, food and fireworks. In the event of rain, the fireworks will be re-scheduled on Sunday, July 3rd.

BBBS Cornhole Tournament - Register that day for only \$20 for each team of two. Play will begin at 6:30 p.m. at North Lake Park. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Anderson and Franklin Counties.

Liberty Kids Lot - A fun area for families to hang out before the community fireworks display. Chalk art, inflatable, bikes, games and more.

Music - Garnett's favorite deejay, Everett Cox, entertains with music beginning at 6:30 p.m. For the "Big Band" sound be sure to pull up your lawn chair to enjoy the Garnett Area Community Band Concert near the east shelter at 8 p.m.

Welcome Food Vendors - Come hungry and grab dinner from Libertyfest food vendors. The Chamber invites food vendors to contact the Chamber Office at (785) 448-6767 to participate.

Tailgates & Treats - Kids are welcome to come dressed in their patriotic outfits and vote for their favorite tailgate/trunk. Remember to bring a bag to hold all of your "trunk-or-treat" goodies at this free children's event.

FREEDOM FIREWORKS - Join us for the best firework show around! The show begin at dark!

All Libertyfest events are sponsored by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce. No tax dollars are used for this event. Please donate at the park entrance to help support this event now and into the future.

Become an Ambassador..



The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to consider becoming a Garnett Area Chamber Ambassador.

This group acts as a welcoming committee to assist new residents that move into

Garnett and engage with the community as a sub-committee of the Chamber. These volunteers give new residents welcome bags full of "Garnett goodies" and helps newcomers in our community connect to resources valuable to them. Sometimes the ambassadors assist in the Chamber Office and volunteer with fun activities, such as ribbon cuttings welcoming new businesses and expansions and honoring long time Garnett businesses. The Ambassadors meet the second Thursday of each

month at 8:30 a.m. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in please contact the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce at (785) 448-6767.

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