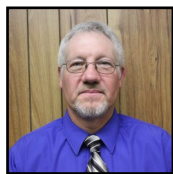


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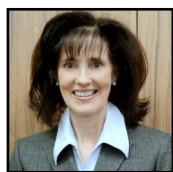
City Commission



Greg Gwin,
Mayor



Brigitte
Brecheisen-
Huss,
Commissioner



Jody Cole,
Commissioner

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Garnett, Kansas

From The Commission...

Happy New Year! As I reflect over the past year, I realize we are very blessed to have available these numerous amenities: recreation center, rifle/trap range, golf course, sports facilities, camping facilities, 3 lakes/parks, swimming pool, tennis courts, skate park, rail trail/depot, fishing, hunting, go-kart track, senior center, airport, and senior housing to enrich our quality of life. We are also fortunate to have updated schools, hospital, jail, courthouse, and the historic downtown.

Please consider that we have many opportunities available to become engaged throughout the community (civic clubs, advisory boards to the city, and religious opportunities). Our civic clubs and other organizations offer a wide variety of special events we can participate in.

As Mayor of Garnett, I'd like to remind you that more goods purchased locally could make everyone prosper. If merchants' volumes increase, margins of markup could decrease which will lead to a greater variety of goods being offered. If their volume increases, they will need to hire more employees. If there becomes a shortage of qualified employees, wages could increase. If other businesses see our local boom, this could attract them to locate here. People from other areas would want to relocate here in order to find employment opportunities. This could cause a housing shortage, which would increase your home values and new homes would have to be built. If all of these things were to happen, our local tax base would increase and local mill levies would decrease!

Do you think this is 'pie in the sky' thinking? I think these scenarios are very possible! Together we can make this possible!

I wish all of you a vibrant, happy, and successful new year.

Respectfully,
Greg A. Gwin, Mayor

From the City Manager...

As we head full force into 2020 and conclude this decade, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year! I hope this past year has been extremely successful for you and your family. Our community thrives due to the wonderful people who live here. I simply cannot count the number of visitors to our community who I have spoken with that indicate they are impressed by the warmth and friendliness of our community and people. I would just like to thank all of you for providing that tremendous first interaction and the impression it leaves to visitors of our community. In an effort to build upon our strengths and analyze and improve upon our weaknesses as a community, an extraordinary group of volunteers have formed the Garnett Steering Committee, in an effort to gain community input and chart a long-term vision and plan for our community. I am incredibly excited to see this group really get started and for the tremendous benefit that having such a vision and plan will do for our community.

Our public works and utility departments have definitely stayed busy keeping up with all of our weather and community events this year, in addition to the day-to-day operations to keep things running. I would like to thank every one of our City employees for the terrific job they do in

From the City Manager Continued...

serving the Garnett community. They all strive every day to make Garnett the most wonderful place to work, play, and call home.

While I believe we had a successful 2019, I look forward to a promising and exciting 2020. We expect to accomplish a lot as we continue to make progress on the construction of our new water treatment facility, improve our street, sidewalk, and sewer infrastructure, improve our park areas and increase recreational programming, hope to see the approval of a grant for continued improvements at our airport, and continue to plan for the future. As I hope you know, the Garnett Recreation Center has just completed its first full year as a twenty-four-hour facility and it has been a resounding success. We are extremely pleased with the increased utilization of the facility and with the efforts of our staff to work through many of the challenges that have been presented with the transition. We hope to continue to make upgrades and additions to our equipment as well as to our recreational facilities themselves.

We have also continued to step up efforts to ensure code compliance throughout the community and this will continue to be a priority. Well maintained properties show potential residents or business owners that our community takes pride in itself. Additionally, property insurance rates are impacted by the City's code enforcement program, with well-enforced, up-to-date codes resulting in lower insurance rates. With the amped up Code Enforcement efforts, some property owners may be contacted with violation notices. If you receive such a letter, look at this as an effort to work together with you as a property owner to make Garnett a more beautiful and safe community that we all love. Please make sure to contact the official or department identified on the letter if you have any questions or concerns.

Part of these beautification efforts, as well as solving drainage issues, have led city staff to clean out ditches throughout town. This has been, and will continue to be, completed to help the flow of stormwater and to prevent flooding of our roadways. Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the property owner (via our city code) to keep ditches on their property flowing efficiently and clear of debris. Given that many of our ditches throughout town have become filled in over a number of years, we will continue to assist property owners currently in this situation with cleaning out ditches and restoring the efficient flow of water. However, once these ditches are dug out, it will be the property owner's responsibility to maintain it in that condition as is outlined by the city code. As you may not be aware, it is also illegal to blow (as when mowing) any yard waste, such as your grass and leaves onto city streets. It also clogs up the drainage system and can be dangerous as it makes it more challenging for a vehicle to brake. We thank you for your cooperation and your dedication to maintaining your property!

I would also like to thank the numerous individuals who serve on all of our advisory committees and those who volunteer in our community. It is this volunteerism which has resulted in great things like Cornstock, the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, the Long Cedar Disc Golf Course, active boards for economic development, tourism, the airport, the Walker Art Collection and Museum, our Library, the local Community Foundation, planning commission, and others. This community has such a tremendously strong sense of volunteerism and Garnett would not be what it is without that pride and passion. I encourage you



to volunteer for one of our community organizations or serve on one of our advisory boards if you can. We are currently seeking passionate people for positions on the airport, community foundation, and tourism boards.

Thank all of you for being a part of and making Garnett the most wonderful place to call home. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve Garnett as your City Manager.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner
City Manager

Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees: **Charlotte Lutz**, Youth Services Librarian, **Sami Jo Peine**, Recreation Center Attendant, and **Caleb Stephens**, Water Plant Maintenance Worker.

Congratulations to the following City of Garnett employees, for reaching these respective milestone anniversaries: **Claudia (Cass) Smitheran**, Librarian - 5 years; **Andy Modlin**, Electric Lineman - 20-years; **Rick Feuerborn**, Volunteer Firefighter - 25 years, and **Roger Montgomery**, Volunteer Firefighter - 40 years.

The following employees received the honor of Employee of the Month for the last 6 months of 2019:

June - **Todd Turner**, Police Lieutenant/Detective
July - **Brian Maloan**, Park Department Foreman
August - **Monica Hill**, Account Clerk
September - **Nancy Hermreck**, Human Resources Director, Municipal Court Clerk, Deputy City Clerk and City Treasurer
October - **Travis Wilson**, City Clerk
November - **Troy Hart**, Electric Distribution Director
December - **Shane Henkle**, Meter Reader

Conferences and Training: **Kris Hix**, City Administrative Assistant, attended "Your Leadership Edge" training provided by the Kansas Leadership Center. **Kris Hix** and **Susan Wettstein**, Community Development Director, attended the Kansas Tourism Conference. **Gary Giczewski**, Zoning Official, and **Pat Tate**, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Chief, attended the Kansas Association of Code Enforcement Conference. **Gary Giczewski** also attended Floodplain Program Violations and Enforcement Seminar and Letter of Floodplain Map Amendment and Elevation Certification. **Rusty Harvey**, Wastewater Maintenance Worker, and **Eric Trammell**, Wastewater Management Director, received 10 hours of continuing education on Optimizing Activated Sludge Wastewater Plants to Optimize Nutrient Removal-Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus. **Bryan Grissell**, Gas and Water Maintenance Worker and **Rusty Harvey**, attended Cross Connection Backflow Prevention training. **Greg Gwin**, Mayor, **Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss**, Commissioner, **Chris Weiner**, City Manager, **Julie Turnipseed**, ACDA-Economic Development Director, **Travis Wilson**, **Nancy Hermreck** and **Susan Wettstein** attended the League of Kansas Cities Annual Conference. **Julie Turnipseed** also attended a seminar on Public Policy and Management of Dilapidated and Abandoned Housing, the 2019 Kansas Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards Luncheon with award honoree **Val Katzer Foltz**, attended the Office of Rural Prosperity Tour and What Is Next Meeting presented by Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers. In addition, Julie traveled to the KDOT meeting on future highway transportation projects, Framework for Growth meeting on Governor Kelly's Economic Development Blueprint,

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and attended the Kansas Economic Development Alliance Conference. **Kurt King**, Police Chief, **Ray Arnett**, Gas and Water Distribution Director, **Chris Weiner**, **Nancy Hermreck** and **Susan Wettstein** attended the Kansas Leadership Center Transformation Grant Meeting for Phase I Partners. **Daniel Frazier**, Patrolman, attended KLETC Basic School Resource Officer training. **Michael Graves**, Patrolman, completed FBI-LEEDA Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Training. **Tom Johnson**, Administrative Sergeant, attended class on Clinical Forensic Evaluation of Gunshot Wounds. **Todd Turner**, Police Lieutenant/Detective, recently received Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Certification by NITV Federal Services. This is a computerized truth verification program consisting of 50 hours of training. All police department personnel completed 8 hours of Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Investigations training.

Update Contact Information: In the event of an emergency or storm it is important that the City's utility department have a valid, working cell phone or telephone number in which residents and business owners can be reached at any time. If you have not updated your contact information in a while we encourage you to contact City Hall soon at 785-448-5496.

Get Involved! Join an Advisory Board. The City of Garnett has several advisory boards, some of which have current terms expiring or position vacancies. Individuals are currently being sought to fill positions on the following boards/committees: Community Foundation, Industrial Airport and Tourism. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit City Hall or www.simplygarnett.com to complete an advisory board application "Statement of Interest" form. The City Commission appoints or reappoints all city advisory board positions.

Interested in Running for City Commissioner? If you are interested in running for Garnett City Commissioner in 2020, please note the following requirements:

- * Must be a resident of Garnett, Kansas.
- * Must be a registered voter.
- * File with the office of County Clerk at Anderson County Courthouse, 100 E. Fourth Avenue, by 12 p.m. (noon) on June 1, 2020.
- * Pay a filing fee of \$20.

The City of Garnett Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. Additionally, special meetings, as well as joint city/county meetings, are held throughout the year at dates, times and locations to be determined. City commissioners are required to attend all meetings as necessary to carry out the business of the city. The current salary for serving as a Garnett City Commissioner is \$450 per month. The mayor receives \$500 per month.

The commission seat up for election this year is currently held by **Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss**. The next election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polling locations will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The City of Garnett invites you to join us in celebrating the following businesses for choosing to create new opportunities for Garnett area shoppers, service seekers and job hunters in 2019:

- **Abiding Images Photography**, Katie Gilbreth, 146 E. 5th Avenue
- **Dutch Country Café**, 311 N. Maple Street
- **Good Shepherd Hospice**, 427 S. Oak Street
- **Hotel Garnett, LLC**, 109 Prairie Plaza Parkway
- **Jeff's Towing**, 1110 E. 4th Terrace
- **Maple Street Liquor & Convenience**, 313 S. Maple Street
- **Modz Towing**, 901 S. Oak Street
- **Studio 501**, 501 S. Oak Street
- **Wax Me Happy**, 117 W. 6th Avenue

- **West Rock Solutions & Navi-Call Solutions**, 520 S. Oak Street

The Garnett Public Library invites all parents and guardians of preschool age children to bring their children to the library for Storytime, held each Tuesday at 10 a.m. Storytime is held weekly during the school year.

When snow or ice is in the forecast, please remove vehicles from the roadway to allow safe and effective treatment of roadways, whenever possible. The City appreciates your patience and cooperation during these weather events.

Remembering Gary Ecclefield



Garnett has lost a great, community-minded friend. Gary Ecclefield served the city as the manager of the Garnett Industrial Airport for the past ten (10) years. Prior to being manager, Gary served as a member of the Airport Advisory Board. His untimely passing is a huge loss for the City and the citizens of Garnett.

Gary was a life-long resident of Anderson County. He became a Garnett businessman at age 19, as the owner of Gary's Body Shop. His successful business served the community for over 40 years.

He was an active volunteer, and hobbyist. He enjoyed being a part of the local Masonic Lodge. He loved go-kart racing, flying model airplanes, as well as taking trips in his own Cessna 172 airplane. If you visited the airport, you were greeted by Gary's well trained welcoming committee— his cat named "Cessna".

Gary was very passionate about the airport and his knowledge was such an asset. He was very proud of his involvement in the daily operations of the airport, as well as his input in the update of the airport's master plan.

Please join us in supporting Gary's wife Cindy and his family during this time. Gary's love of life and his legacy will always be a valuable part of Garnett history.



It's that time again!

Owners of dogs and cats within the City of Garnett are required to purchase pet licenses annually at city hall.

Between January 1 and February 29, the city will collect a registration fee of \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and cats, and \$20 for any dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered.

As of March 1, 2020, the fees will double to \$15 and \$40 respectively. Replacement tag fee for lost tags are \$5.

Please note: Certificate of current rabies vaccination provided to you by your veterinarian is required at time of City pet license purchase.

Thereafter, by ordinance a notification will be sent to a pet owner 30 days in advance of the expiration of their pet's rabies vaccination. Owners will be required to provide the new rabies vaccination information to the city within 30 days of notification. Failure to comply will result in the pet license being revoked and a fine issued. So please, keep rabies information current, and don't forget to license your pet!

Business Loan Program Available in Garnett and Anderson County

The Anderson County E-Community Loan Program was created through a Kansas Center of Entrepreneurship Tax Credit Program in 2014. It is a project to encourage entrepreneurial activity in Anderson County.

Qualifying entrepreneurial projects may include startup businesses, as well as existing business purchases and/or expansions. The minimum loan request is \$5,000 with a \$45,000 maximum amount available per applicant business (subject to availability).

Who Qualifies:

- ◆ Anyone wishing to start, purchase or expand a for-profit business in Anderson County.

What Can the Funds be Used For:

- ◆ Purchase of business equipment
- ◆ Purchase of business inventory
- ◆ Purchase of real estate
- ◆ Working capital
- ◆ Existing inventory

What the Funds May Not Be Used For:

- Paying off or refinancing existing debt
- Salary or owner's draw
- Payroll taxes
- Personal vehicle
- Building renovation not tied to a specific business

Businesses That Do Not qualify:

- Non-profit organizations
- Academic institutions
- Gambling concerns
- Floor planning concerns (i.e., wholesale auto inventory financing)
- Speculative concerns
- Lending or investment institutions
- Multilevel marketing or pyramid sales

Applicants Who are Not Eligible:

- Convicted of felony offense
- Past due on school loans
- Past due on child support payments

What Fees are Associated with the Loan Program:

- ◆ There is a \$115.00 non-refundable application fee

How is the Repayment Structured:

- ◆ The terms are to be determined
- ◆ There is no penalty for early repayment

Funding Example:

Assume an applicant needs a total of \$60,000. Also, assume the applicant has \$10,000 of their own capital. Of the remaining \$50,000 needed, the E-Community can provide not greater than 60% of the gap (with a max of \$45,000). The other 40% minimum must come from a financial institution and/or a local/regional funding source.

For more information contact Julie Turnipseed, Director of ACDA Economic Development, at 785.448.5496, Option 5, or email: julie@garnettks.net.



Love What's Local Garnett

Love What's Local Garnett is a campaign designed to educate consumers to purchase local goods and services. **Loving What's Local Garnett** helps create and maintain local jobs, support locally owned businesses and community nonprofits, encourages unique businesses that adds community character, reduces environmental impact of out-shopping, and provide sales tax dollars to be spent locally.

Love What's Local Garnett is a collaborative campaign that was created from the Morning Mingle business group, Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA), Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and Garnett Community Development partnering together in this effort.

The driving mission behind **Love What's Local Garnett** is to educate and encourage consumers to purchase local goods and services. This means supporting the businesses whose generosity and taxes enhance our community!

How can you participate in **Love What's Local Garnett**?

- ♥ Purchase as much as you can within our community;
- ♥ Utilized local services like banks, insurance agents, healthcare providers, contractors and others;
- ♥ As a business or organization, join in the campaign by using the **Love What's Local Garnett** logo in all your social media, print media and other marketing campaigns.

Why Support **Love What's Local Garnett**?

- ♥ When you shop locally your money and taxes stay local—supporting schools, police and fire departments and hospital.
- ♥ You will raise the value of your property. Vibrant communities are considered an advantage when purchasing real estate.
- ♥ Creates jobs and encourages more businesses in our community.

For every \$100 you spend your community benefits by:

- ⇒ \$64.40 from a local business, bricks and mortar or local online store
- ⇒ \$34.50 from a local branch of a chain store
- ⇒ \$0 from an online, non-local retailer

Please contact any participating business which are indicated by the **Love What's Local Garnett** sticker in their window. You may also get involved by attending a **Love What's Local Garnett** meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at Monroe 816, beginning at 8:00 a.m. You may also call Julie Turnipseed, Director of ACDA Economic Development for more information at

785.448.5496, Option 5, or email: julie@garnettks.net.





It's Happening in Garnett!

Check out our "Community Calendar" - www.simplygarnett.com

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!**
City Offices Closed
Trash service will run 1 day late
- Jan. 2-Feb. 29 License your pets at City Hall**
- 2 Love What's Local Garnett Meeting**
Monroe 816, 8 a.m.
TOPS Meeting
Methodist Church, 9-10 a.m. - Every Thursday
- 13-Point Pitch & Snacks**
Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m. - Every Thursday
- Anderson County Historical Society Meeting**
Anderson County Museum, 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
510 S. Oak Street, 7 p.m. - Every Tuesday and Thursday
- Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44**
Masonic Lodge 44, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6-Jan. 31 A.M. Yoga, Mon., Wed., Fri.**
Rec Center, 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- 6 Anderson County Commission Meeting**
Annex Building, 9 a.m. - Every Monday
- Garnett Library Board Meeting**
Archer Room, Library, 5 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery**
Church of the Nazarene, 5-8 p.m. - Every Monday
- Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6-7 p.m.
- Jan. 7-Feb.13, A.M. Spin, Tues. & Thurs.**
Rec Center, 5:30-6 a.m.
- Jan. 7-Feb. 13, P.M. Spin, Tues. & Thurs.**
Rec Center, 5-6 p.m.
- Jan. 7-Feb. 13, P.M. Yoga, Tues.-Thurs.**
Rec. Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 7 Storytime for Preschoolers**
Garnett Library, 10-11 a.m. - Every Tuesday
- Rotary International Meeting**
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 12-1 p.m. - Every Tuesday
- Garnett Community Foundation**
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- American Legion BINGO**
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m. - Every Tuesday
- Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting**
Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- 8 Remember When Wednesdays**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Duplicate Bridge**
Garnett Inn, 1 p.m. - Every Wednesday

- 8 Garnett Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**, City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting**
Rec. Center, 5:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 6397 Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail**
Archer Room, Garnett Library, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Optimist Club Meeting**
Garnett Inn, 7 p.m.
- 10 Morning Mingle**
Monroe 816, 8 a.m.
- Garnett Airport Advisory Meeting**
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 13-Feb. 23 Little Goalies & Youth Soccer Registration**, at Rec Center or Online
- 13 American Legion Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**
Chamber Office, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**
GHA Office-Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.
- 14 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot, all day
- Lunch and Learn: Combating the Winter Blues**, Anderson County Hospital, Conference Rooms A and B, 12 p.m.
- City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Alzheimer's Support Group**
Parkview Heights, 6-7 p.m.
- Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**
Garnett Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Birthday Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- Walker Art Committee Meeting**
Archer Room, Library, 4 p.m.
- Steering Committee Meeting**
Archer Room, Library, 6 p.m.
- 19 VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Bridal & Event Showcase**
Troyer's Prairie Gold Event Center, 1 p.m.
- 20 Adult reading Program Kickoff**
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 21 ACDA Economic Development Meeting**
City Hall, 5 p.m.
- BPW Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- Garnett Planning Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 22 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
Garnett Pizza Hut, 6 p.m.

- 22 Book Discussion- "Where the Crawdads Sing"**, Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 23 Harvester's Food Distribution**
Quonset Hut, Fair Grounds, 4 p.m.
- 27 Anderson County Caregiver Support Group**, Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 28 Garnett City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 30 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**, Knights Hall, 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 3-Feb 28 A.M. Yoga, Mon., Wed., Fri.**
Rec Center, 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- 3 Garnett Library Board Meeting**
Archer Room, Library, 5 p.m.
- 4 Garnett Community Foundation**
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting**
Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- 5 Friendship Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- Tourism Advisory Board**
Garnett City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- 6 Love What's Local Garnett Meeting**
Monroe 816, 8 a.m.
- Anderson County Historical Society Meeting**, Museum, 6:30 p.m.
- USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**
USD 365 Board Office, 7 p.m.
- Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44**
Masonic Lodge 44, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Adult Reading Program Midway Event**
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
- American Legion Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**, Chamber Office, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**
GHA Office-Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.
- 11 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot, all day
- Alzheimer's Support Group**
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
- Garnett City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**
Extension Office, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 12 Remember When Wednesdays**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.



Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay connected!

@garnettks @getgarnett @garnettkansas

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- 12 VFW Post 6397 Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail
Archer Room, Garnett Library, 7 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 7 p.m.
- 13 Birthday Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!**
Morning Mingle
Monroe 816, 8 a.m.
Garnett Airport Advisory Meeting
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- 16 VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,
- 17 President's Day - City Offices Closed**
Trash service will run 1 day late
Lions Club Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
- 18 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, City Hall, 5 p.m.**
Garnett BPW Meeting
Archer Room, Library, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 19 Birthday Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- 20 Open House-Senior Life Solutions**
Anderson County Hospital,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Walker Art Committee Meeting
Archer Room, Library, 4 p.m.
Steering Committee Meeting
Archer Room, Library, 6 p.m.
- 23 Puzzle Contest**
Garnett Public Library, 2 p.m.
- 24 Anderson County Caregiver Support Group, Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.**
- Feb. 25-April 2, A.M. Spin, Tues. & Thurs.**
Rec Center, 5:30-6 a.m.
- Feb. 25-April 4, P.M. Spin, Tues. & Thurs.**
Rec Center, 5-6 p.m.
- Feb. 25-April 2, P.M. Yoga, Tues. & Thurs.**
Rec Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 25 Garnett City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 26 American Legion Auxiliary**
Garnett Pizza Hut, 6 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Meeting
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 7 p.m.
Book Discussion - TBA
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.

MARCH

- March 2-27, A.M. Yoga, Mon., Wed., Fri.**
Rec Center, 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- 2 Garnett Library Board Meeting**
Archer Room, Library, 5 p.m.
- March 3-April 5, Baseball/Softball/T-ball Registration**
Register at the Rec Center or Online
- 3 Garnett Community Foundation**
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting
Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- 4 Friendship Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
Tourism Advisory Board
Garnett City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Garnett Lions Club Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
Adult Reading Program Ending Celebration, Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 5 Anderson County Historical Society Meeting, Museum, 6:30 p.m.**
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting
Garnett Elementary, 7 p.m.
Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 International Women's Day Chocolate Walk, hosted by Morning Mingle, TBA**
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 9 American Legion Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Chamber Office, 7 p.m.
Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting
GHA Office-Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.
- 10 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot, all day
Alzheimer's Support Group
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
Garnett City Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting
Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Remember When Wednesdays**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
VFW Post 6397 Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
Garnett Optimists Club Meeting
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 7 p.m.

- 11 Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail**
Archer Room, Library, 7 p.m.
- 13 Morning Mingle**
Monroe 816, 8 a.m.
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- 14 Garnett BPW Women's Fair**
ACHS Gym, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 15 VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 16 Lions Club Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
- 17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day!**
ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, City Hall, 5 p.m.
Garnett BPW Meeting
Archer Room, Library, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail 24th Annual Birthday Bash
ACHS Commons, 6 p.m.
- 18 Birthday Day**
Garnett Senior Center, 12 p.m.
- 19 Walker Art Committee**
Archer Room, Library, 4 p.m.
Steering Committee Meeting
Archer Room, Library, 6 p.m.
- March 19-23: "2 Across", live dinner theatre, presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Community Playhouse**
- 23 Anderson County Caregiver Support Group, Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.**
- 24 Garnett City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 25 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
Garnett Pizza Hut, 6 p.m.
Book Discussion - TBA
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Meeting
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 7 p.m.
- 26 Harvesters Food Distribution**
Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
- March 27-29: "2 Across", live dinner theatre, presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Community Playhouse**
- 28 Prairie Spirit 100 (50 & 100 mile run/race), Prairie Spirit Trail, Ottawa-Iola**
- March 30-April 24, A.M. Yoga, Mon., Wed., Fri.**
Rec Center, 8:45-9:45 a.m.

**All dates and times subject to change.*

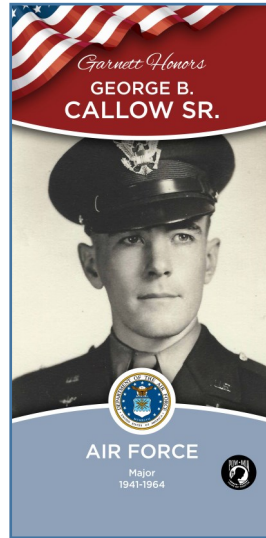
UPDATE: Garnett Remembers

Patriotic Banner Project

As of the printing of this newsletter, it appears we have surpassed our goal of 250 banner honorees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all banner sponsors, for if not them this project would not be possible.

Garnett Remembers is a patriotic pole banner project that began in 2016 to recognize and honor those who have, or are currently serving in the US Military.

Details on the May 21, 2020 *Celebration of Service* will be announced in the next quarterly issue of *Town Talk*. The banners will be on display annually just in time for Memorial Day weekend, through July to include the Independence Day holiday.



Local Business Owner Wins Women-Owned Business Award



Val Katzer-Foltz with Monroe 816 was honored as the 2019 Kansas Women-Owned Retail Firm of the Year during the 35th Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards Luncheon on October 10, 2019, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary, David Toland, presented the award.

On behalf of the City of Garnett, City Manager Chris Weiner nominated Val Katzer-Foltz and her business, Monroe 816, for this award. The business began out of Val's home in Garnett as a "pop-up" store in 2016, setting up at various

locations as a vendor. Monroe 816 transitioned to a brick and mortar retail store in 2018. What started as a home-based business has fast become one of Garnett's town square anchor businesses, bringing both the retail shopper and those wanting to take lessons on Do-It-Yourself projects to Garnett. "Val is social media savvy, use of live/recorded videos and fresh marketing approach are putting Monroe 816 and Garnett on the map as a destination experience", states City Manager Weiner. The retail boutique features restyled furniture, home décor and DIY workshops and is located near the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and Oak Street.

The Kansas Department of Commerce's Office of Minority and Women Business Development hosts this award program annually. Young entrepreneurs, advocates and corporations are recognized throughout the State of Kansas for their outstanding achievements in their respective industries, including Minority and Women-Owned Construction Firm, Manufacturing Firm, Professional Service Firm, Retail Firm, Service Industry Firm or Supplier/Distribution Firm. For more information about this program, please visit www.kansascommerce.gov.

For more information about Monroe 816, please visit www.monroe816.com.

Why You Matter - 2020 Census



If just 1% of the Kansas population is undercounted in the 2020 Census, the state of Kansas could miss receiving almost \$604 million (**approximately \$603,990,400**) in federal funding over a 10-year period. That equates to a loss of approximately \$52,466.40 per home in Kansas! It is critical to Kansas, Anderson County and Garnett that you participate in the 2020 Census. Yes, you matter!

Participating in the census helps create fair congressional representation for Kansans; obtains valuable information that leaders can use to plan for your city's future; and increases resources for health, schools, transportation, and more. It only takes a few minutes to complete the census, but the impact will be felt for years. In the spring of this year (2020), everyone in our country will get counted. Don't miss out on your chance to make a difference.

Ways census data is used:

- Planning future government services; including planning and zoning forecasting
- Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loan programs
- Distributing over \$800 billion annually in federal funds and even more in state funds
- Reapportioning seats in U.S. House of Representatives
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and locations of other health services

Over the next few months, the City of Garnett will be releasing information to encourage everyone in our city to participate in the 2020 Census. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Visit our city website, www.simplygarnett.com to learn more, or find the Kansas Counts on social media @kansascounts; website: www.kansascounts.org.





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Jay Selanders, Keynote Speaker at January 30 Chamber Banquet

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the whole community to join them on January 30, 2020 at the Garnett Knights Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m., for the annual banquet and awards ceremony. Activities for the evening include a catered meal, live and silent auctions, festively decorated sponsored tables, and a presentation on *Love What's Local Garnett*. This year's keynote speaker is native Garnettian, Jay Selanders.

In 2018, after more than 30 years of military service, Jay retired from the Kansas Air National Guard as a Brigadier General. He was the assistant Adjutant General-Air, and Commander, Kansas Air National Guard. Jay is a veteran KC-135 pilot. He flew in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions in recovering a badly damaged aircraft. He has flown in support of numerous other operations, including Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Selanders currently serves as Chair of Kutak Rock, a national law firm with 18 offices across the country. As Chair, Jay leads Kutak Rock's nearly 550 attorneys and oversees the firm's overall management, governance and representation. He guides and implements the firm's strategic plan with a continued focus on growth and opportunities to serve clients' needs. Jay's mission for Kutak Rock is to "partner with our clients and identify and deliver the legal service they require, while also advancing our business processes and service offerings to keep pace in an ever-evolving industry."

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce will also be presenting the following awards:

Business of the Year Award

Presented to a Chamber member business who has demonstrated outstanding ethics, community support, leadership, friendly service and has been an overall benefit to the community.

Organization of the Year

Presented to a non-profit organization who is active and beneficial to the Garnett community.

Volunteer of the Year

The George Clasen Memorial Service Award is presented to an individual, or individuals, from the Garnett area who have shown exemplary service to the community through the GACC and/or other local organizations.



Tickets to the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet are available at the Chamber Office. Please contact Executive Director Kris Hix at 785.448.6767 or visit www.garnettchamber.org today.

Civic Organizations Fund Speaker System for Town Square

The Garnett Community Development Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the following civic organizations for their commitments totaling \$6,050 towards the new speaker system recently installed on the Town Square:

- Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail
- Rotary International - Garnett
- Garnett Business and Professional Women
- Garnett Lions Club

This funding allows for the system to project along the west half of the town square. Work continues to complete the system for special events to utilize to project sound and music from the courthouse bandstand. This phase of the system will be up and running in time for the 48th Annual Square Fair, hosted by the Garnett BPW on May 9, 2020.

To complete the speaker system around the square, another 9 speakers will need to be purchased. A plaque will be placed at the bandstand when the project is completed thanking the entities making this project possible. Donations to this project are welcome.

Special recognition is due to Mr. Bo Harris. Mr. Harris is a member of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. He has donated a significant amount of time and expertise to this project. The Garnett Electric Distribution Department is to be commended for the project's installation.



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