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Candidates for the USD 457 Board of Education participate in a candidates forum Tuesday at the Garden City Administrative building. Candidates shown are Katie Cole, left, Robin Nichols, Rebecca Swender, Lynnlea Anderson and Whitney Buchman. The forum is held by the Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

Forum held for USD 457 Board of Education candidates

BY BRAD NADING
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Finney County voters will have a unique opportunity Nov. 4 in the general election, as candidates for the USD 457 Board of Education are all "fresh faces" as no incumbents are running. Candidates for the board that participated in a forum on Tuesday are Lynnlea Anderson, Whitney Buchman, Katie Cole, Robin Nichols and Rebecca Swender. Candidate Jacob Jenkins did not attend the forum.

The forum, hosted by the Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Government Affairs committee, was held at the Garden City Administrative building. Anderson said she is a native Garden Citian, graduating from GCHS in 1996 and becoming a teacher in the district in 2011. She said she's running to "...insure every child in our district has access to a high quality education they deserve." Buchman said he moved to Garden City in 2009 and

has been involved in various committees within the district and has worked as a substitute teacher. He hopes to "bring a unique mindset to help in the district and community partnerships" as a member of the board. Cole said she is an educator at heart. She taught at middle school level in public education for 10 years, five of that being in USD 457. She said she "wants every child to have an opportunity to learn here". Nichols said he has lived in Garden City for 41 years

and has raised a family here. He said if changes in America are wanted, it has to start with the children. He "wants to equip students to thrive in tomorrow's world". Swender said she's been in Garden City for 12 years and it's now home. She said she is running for her kids and all the kids in the district. She said "...I looked at some of the decisions facing the board in the future and think it's time to

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Proposed changes to NRP program given at joint meeting

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
Garden City Telegram

Progress on proposed updates to the city of Garden City Neighborhood Revitalization Program was given at a joint Garden City Commission, Finney County Commission and Holcomb City Council meeting on Sept. 16. Danielle Burke, Garden City Assistant City Manager, said for the past several years staff from the city of Garden City and Finney County have been working through updating the NRP, a

tax rebate program that's intended to help revitalize portions of the community. It's intended to be a tool for homes and the "mom-and-pop type developments" and to be used before projects get to a size that wouldn't benefit from Tax Increment Financing and those larger, more costly economic development tools, she said. Burke said the program that's in place has been in its current form for a number of years, but the way it's structured looks at building

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Garden City Commissioner Manny Ortiz asks a question of a presenter during a joint meeting Sept. 16. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

Kansas to swap voter rolls with Texas

BY ANNA KAMINSKI
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — Nine states are swapping voter rolls with Texas, and officials say the agreement will "improve the accuracy of voter registration records." Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab's office announced the partnership Thursday, describing it as a way to identify duplicate registrations. Schwab, who is running for governor, said the agreement with Texas helps Kansas to maintain accurate voter rolls, which bolsters election integrity and administration. The basis of Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson's agreements with Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia is outlined in memoranda that allow the states to exchange voter registration data with Texas while "adhering to strict confidentiality and cybersecurity protocols." "This is a common sense step toward cleaner rolls and better election administration," Schwab said. "We look forward to establishing agreements with other states in the future." Schwab said the agreement is part of a growing trend among states. Any duplicate registrations or instances of potential voter fraud identified through the data swapping would be referred to the

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