

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Republican Party Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, April 25, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, April 26, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Clothing Display @ the Harris House
 11:00 a.m. - Stay and Play hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 6:00 p.m. - Spring Demolition Derby

Monday, April 28, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 11:00 a.m. - Plant Exchange hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 30 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

Thursday, May 1, 2025
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmer's Market
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Annual Banquet
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 2, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, May 3, 2025
 9:00 a.m. - Novelty Car Show
 11:00 a.m. - Box Wars @ Garnett Rec Center
 6:00 p.m. - Half-a-Halloween Concert

Monday, May 5, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Resource Bus
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 3:30 p.m. - Tinkering & Tech hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - Bulldog Booster Club
 6:00 p.m. - Parks & Rec Committee
 6:30 p.m. - Awana

Thursday, May 8, 2025
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmer's Market
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, May 9, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, May 10, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - BPW Square Fair

CLAIMS...

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other weather-related claim losses for homeowner and automobile policies. "These numbers serve as a reminder that catastrophic weather events do not just happen on the coasts," said Schmidt. "Check in with your insurance agent and make sure you are ready for this storm season." Those having problems with insurance claims from the coming storm season can contact the Kansas Department of Insurance's Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071, by email at KDOI.complaints@ks.gov or online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.



The Garnett Business and Professional Women (BPW) recently recognized their annual award winners. Congratulations to our very deserving Woman of the Year, Joen Truhe, above left, who gives of her talents and gifts so graciously. Rockers



Photography, above center, won Business of the Year (less than 15 employees) and Tri-Ko as Business of the Year (greater than 15 employees).



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Local student wins \$1,700 in State Entrepreneurship Challenge

Vivian Riblett, an 8th grader at Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School, was named a Finalist in the 2025 Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge (KEC), earning a \$1,700 award for her all-natural slime business. She qualified for the state competition after winning the Anderson County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) on February 25. Vivian's business features handmade slime using all-natural ingredients, with a variety of scents and textures. She currently sells at local craft fairs



Riblett

Kansas and K-State Extension, brought together top student entrepreneurs from across the state. Participants pitched their businesses to judges in mock boardrooms and show-

cased them at a formal trade show. Vivian was supported throughout the process by her mentor teacher, Mrs. Ray, who noted her hard work and creativity stood out at every stage of the competition. Congratulations, Vivian, on this outstanding achievement and for representing Anderson County with pride! Community members or store owners interested in carrying her slime products can reach out to facilitate an introduction.

DEI...

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medical assumptions. The organization released a report on Wednesday highlighting the program.

"The nursing workforce diversity program, unfortunately, is really looking at people based on immutable characteristics," Do No Harm's Medical Director, Dr. Kurt Miceli, told The Daily Wire. "I think that when you have grants that incentivize a discriminatory program to look at things other than merit, you create a system that's not only discriminatory, but also promotes a lower level of care that's provided, a lower quality of care."

Miceli said he was encouraged by many of the steps already taken by the Trump administration to crack down on DEI, and asked them to end the nursing program. In January, President Donald Trump signed an executive order seeking to eliminate DEI from the government and calling for "equity" related grants to be eliminated.

The justification for such programs includes the questionable claim that minorities have better health outcomes when they are treated by minority health workers.

"The American Nurses Association (ANA) reported that a lack of diversity in healthcare significantly increases health disparities and contributes to poorer health outcomes and high mortality at disproportionate rates among socially and economically marginalized groups," the notice of funding says. "Patients are more likely to adhere to health recommendations and have better outcomes when providers are culturally competent or have shared cultural characteristics."

But Do No Harm says that "the weight of the evidence indicates that diversity has no bearing on health outcomes," pointing to analysis conducted by the organization that found that four out of five existing systemic reviews of racial concordance in medicine showed no improvement in health outcomes.

"The point really is that we as a society, when we're on the gurney, when we're in the ER, when we're in the outpatient office, we want the very best in the provider, and no matter

who that is, no matter their race, color is," Miceli said. "We want the very best provider taking care of us, and that's absolutely essential for medicine."

Applicants are required to present "evidenced-based strategies used to recruit and retain students from underrepresented or disadvantaged backgrounds" and "include the implementation of holistic admissions, provision of scholarships and stipends to address socioeconomic barriers, and peer and mentor support to provide wraparound services to assist in student success."

They also must submit "a plan for implementing an actionable framework that targets learning disparities and expands opportunities to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds."

According to Do No Harm, so-called holistic admissions means downplaying objective standards of qualifications.

"Holistic admissions refers to the practice of deemphasizing objective metrics used to determine an applicant's merit, such as GPA and MCAT scores, and placing greater focus on other academic qualifications, personality traits, or professional accolades," Do No Harm wrote in its report. "As one might imagine, in practice this often ends up being a roundabout way of still employing race-conscious admissions despite the Supreme Court's ruling that such strategies are unconstitutional."

Funding for the program has ramped up in recent years. In 2014, funding hovered just below \$14 million. But from 2022-2024, total funding for the Nursing Workforce Diversity program has been over \$20 million every year.

Recipients of Nursing Workforce Diversity grants for 2024 include Frontier Nursing University, the University of Cincinnati, Marquette University, Western Carolina University, Saint Louis University, the University of Arizona, and many others.

Frontier Nursing University in Kentucky, which received \$555,000 for 2024, openly boasts about its DEI accomplishments, noting that it seeks to increase the number of Hispanic nurse-midwives and that 30% of its student body are "students of color."

Other recipients of Health Resources and Services Administration dollars have similar racially-based pro-

grams. For example, the University of Cincinnati received \$491,943 for 2024. The university offers the CURE program, which gives students up to \$12,000 per year and extra tutoring help, and appears to exclude both whites and Asians from eligibility. A now-deleted page from the website detailed that the university held a "Black Student Nurses Day."

The Health Resources and Services Administration also funds racially-focused scholarship opportunities at the University of Memphis' Loewenberg College of Nursing, including the RNs Lead scholarship and the STRONG RNs program.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which helps set education standards for nursing, is intimately connected with the Health Resources and Services Administration's diversity program, and helps facilitate the application process for nursing schools to get grants.

"Since 2016, AACN has provided technical assistance program to nursing schools receiving funding through the Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) program offered by the Health Resources and Services Administration," the group notes on its website. "AACN's assistance includes an assessment of admissions practices, an on-site Holistic Admissions Review workshop, student recruitment and retention strategies, and models for building a successful mentoring program."

In January, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing released a press release noting it could offer "expert consulting" for nursing schools interested in applying for Health Resources and Services Administration grants.

Do No Harm told The Daily Wire that the Department of Health and Human Services must end the Nursing Workforce Diversity program "immediately."

The program "is a clear example of the federal government using its vast funding capabilities to encourage and incentivize racial discrimination," Do No Harm wrote in its report. "The nursing workforce is best served when nursing education programs select the best and the brightest, when excellence and merit are prioritized rather than race."

Patriotic banner celebration back on, rescheduled for May 22

GARNETT - The 10th Annual Celebration of Service is back on, thanks to some community members who are stepping up to help support the event that honors those faces that adorn the City's "Garnett Remembers" patriotic banner project, and all who serve in the Military.

There was a public announcement recently that this event was cancelled but it is now back on schedule on a new date. A group of citizen patriots gathered on April 10th to talk about the possibility of going forward with a community celebration with Community Development and Tourism Director, Kris Hix, in attendance. It was determined that upon the approval by Anderson County to use the courthouse lawn facilities that the celebration event be scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 6 PM on the courthouse grounds.

Director Hix shared her appreciation for the citizen support. The event will consist of a few Veterans sharing a brief story from their perspectives, musical entertainment including a soloist or two, a community band (invited), and more. A retired military Colonel has been invited as keynote speaker. Veterans and family of veterans will join in the reading of the names of all 320 banner honorees. The volunteers will be finalizing the

details, including securing a color guard and military vehicles, to be released next week.

The Celebration of Service is a public event. Family and friends of banner honorees, and living Veterans, both local and from out-of-county are cordially invited to attend. Please bring lawn chairs. The City of Garnett will provide complimentary event programs. Volunteer citizens will provide bottled water and small US flags to be handed out to those who gather. Attendees should consider grabbing food from nearby restaurants and pop-up shops before the event and can enjoy their eats on the lawn and enjoy the music.

The Garnett Farmers' Market will be open 4:30-7 PM on Main Street that evening. This event is held the Thursday as the kick-off to Memorial Day weekend and encourages the participation of the annual Memorial Day Services at the Garnett Municipal Cemetery on Monday, May 26 at 9 AM, followed by a special ceremony and meal at the Garnett VFW beginning at 10 AM. Memorial Day Weekend is a great time for families to visit Anderson County to enjoy these patriotic events and enjoy Garnett's more than 1,000 acres of parks and lakes. For more information, please visit www.simplygarnett.com and watch for updates on your favorite social media channels.

Parkview Heights Nursing Center awarded National Quality Award

GARNETT - Parkview Heights Nursing Center proudly announces its recognition as a recipient of the 2024 National Quality Award, presented during a prestigious ceremony on April 7, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia. This national event, hosted by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), celebrates outstanding commitment to quality care and continuous process improvement across skilled nursing and assisted living communities throughout the country.

Representing Parkview Heights at the ceremony were Casey Karnes, Executive Director, and Suzanna Cubit, Director of Nursing, who accepted the award on behalf of the entire team.

"This award is a reflection

of the dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts our staff demonstrates every single day," said Karnes. "We are honored to be recognized on a national stage for the quality of care we provide here in Garnett."

The National Quality Award Program is a rigorous, multi-level program that evaluates long-term care facilities on their performance excellence, customer service, and organizational effectiveness. Awardees must meet comprehensive standards and show a demonstrated commitment to continuous quality improvement.

Parkview Heights Nursing Center continues to strive for excellence in care and is committed to being a leader in the long-term care field.

VETOES...

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Senior Counsel Greg Chafuen wrote in a statement after the override.

"Other states have put politics over people by excluding caring families and faith-based adoption and foster care organizations from helping children find loving homes. The Kansas Legislature correctly voted to override Gov. Kelly's misguided veto.

"This is a critical step to prioritize the well-being of kids by prohibiting state and local government officials from discriminating against adoption and foster care providers and parents simply because of their religious beliefs and moral convictions.

"ADF commends the Kansas Legislature for its leadership and steadfastness as well as Kansas Family Voice for its monumental work on this important effort. Children

deserve loving families."

On the shutdown bill veto, attorney Jacklyn P. Paletta — who had a client illegally quarantined for exposure to chicken pox earlier this year — applauded the override of Kelly's veto, especially in light of what she called fear-mongering over measles and polio by opponents of the bill.

"All the things the health department thinks they need to do to respond to contagions they can still do. They just need to document that, demonstrating the minimal standard of probable cause," she told The Heartlander.

"Overriding this bill declares that safety and liberty coexist."

—Michael Ryan is Executive Editor of The Heartlander. A Kansas City native, he's been an award-winning reporter, editor and opinion writer at newspapers in Kansas, Missouri, Georgia and Texas.

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON
 ...with pulled pork & fixin's

Kincaid Selma Community Church
Sunday, April 27, 2025
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Meal includes:
 -baked potatoes
 -pulled pork
 -lots of fixin's
 -salad, dessert, drink

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