

# STORM...

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Anderson County Road Director Ethan Lickteig told commissioners the department had a number of roads blocked by trees and fallen power lines, but that the damage he saw seemed centralized to Garnett and the nearby area.

"It literally just came to Garnett, blew up, and left," Lickteig said.

Burkhart encouraged residents with damage claims to notify her office so the overall damage could be documented.

"To help us build an accurate countywide assess-

ment, we strongly encourage residents to report any damage they've experienced. We're working with the Kansas Department of Emergency Management to streamline this process, and a public self reporting link is now available at <https://arcg.is/1H5Hn2>

Burkhart said anyone who has already reported damage to her office has been uploaded into this system. Those who need assistance submitting a report can contact the ACEM office at 785 448 6797 or reach Burkhart on her cell at 785 822 8584.

The City of Garnett will pick up storm debris from the March 10 storm including tin, shingles, lumber and other non-general refuse items next Thursday, March 26th. Residents with storm debris to be removed should pile those items separately at curbside for pickup by the prior Wednesday evening. Crews will start on the north side of town and will not double back. The pickup is free of charge but limited to storm debris only. Brush and limbs will be picked up on Friday March 27th.

# JUDGES...

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several prominent Kansas advocacy groups and professional organizations. A campaign job listing reviewed by Glynn identified participating groups including the ACLU of Kansas, the Kansas National Education Association, Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes, the Kansas Values Institute, and members of the Kansas legal community.

Public records show KUCI incorporated in 2025 with board members drawn from leadership of those organizations, including:

- Evan Gates of the Kansas Values Institute
- Micah Kubic of the ACLU of Kansas
- Emily Wales of Planned Parenthood Great Plains

The coalition has argued that electing judges could inject partisan politics into the state's highest court.

During a presentation to the League of Women Voters on Kansas Day at the state capitol earlier this year, Kubic warned that the proposed amendment could politicize the judiciary.

In video of the presentation cited by Glynn, Kubic suggested opponents should emphasize policy stakes surrounding issues such as abortion rights, school funding, LGBTQ protections and voting laws. Kubic said the campaign would frame the issue similarly to the high-profile 2022 statewide vote on abortion policy.

"We will have the infrastructure and mechanisms to do what we did in 2022," Kubic said in remarks highlighted by Glynn.

**Long-running debate over**

## Kansas judicial selection

The issue of judicial selection has been a subject of debate in Kansas for decades, and has intensified after a number of highly controversial opinions proponents say illustrates a defined liberal, progressive bias by court members.

The court spent nearly 20 years litigating school funding in the state in the Montoy and Gannon cases, repeatedly ruling the Legislature failed to adequately fund education and forced legislators to increase funding. As those levels of funding increased, performance of Kansas public school students has steadily decreased. The court voted 6-1 in an explosive 2019 ruling effectively saying the Kansas Constitution guarantees a right to abortion. Further rulings countering legislative abortion restrictions also alienated abortion opponents.

Kansas currently uses a "merit-selection" system created by constitutional amendment in 1958. Under the process, a nine-member nominating commission reviews candidates for the Kansas Supreme Court determines the "merit" of candidates, and sends three finalists to the governor, who must appoint one of them.

Five of the nine commission members are lawyers elected by attorneys through the Kansas Bar Association, while four non-lawyers are appointed by the governor. Critics have argued that the structure gives attorneys outsized influence over the selection of justices.

Kansas is unusual

among states in allowing lawyers to elect members of the nominating commission. According to research compiled by Ballotpedia, most states either elect their high-court justices directly or use appointment systems without attorney-controlled commissions.

Supporters of the proposed amendment argue direct elections would make the court more accountable to voters. Opponents contend elections could subject judges to partisan political pressure and campaign fundraising.

## Funding and political context

Glynn's research also noted that some organizations involved in the coalition have received funding from national philanthropic networks.

For example, the ACLU of Kansas reported receiving \$350,000 from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and \$101,037 from the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation in 2024, according to nonprofit financial disclosures cited in Glynn's analysis. The Buffett Foundation has also contributed millions of dollars to abortion-related initiatives and providers nationally, including grants to Planned Parenthood affiliates.

The coming campaign is expected to mirror the scale of previous statewide ballot battles in Kansas. The 2022 constitutional amendment on abortion rights drew tens of millions of dollars in spending from national and state advocacy groups on both sides.

an all-terrain vehicle.

Phillip Christian Walker has been charged with violation of a protection order and intimidation of a witness or victim.

Braydon Matthew Lambert has been charged with criminal damage to property.

charged with distribution of marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and improper safety belt or shoulder harness.

Kenneth L Reynolds has been charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Dylan E Jackson has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeremy D Lankard has been charged with two counts of aggravated battery and criminal damage to property.

Jeremy D Lankard has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, residential burglary, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jennifer L Sanders has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and unlawful operation of

# RECORDS...

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## ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Nicholas Austin Mitchell has been charged with unlawful distribution of methamphetamine, two counts of battery against a law enforcement officer, criminal possession of a weapon by a felon, interference with law enforcement, driving while a habitual violator, possession of alprazolam, possession of a firearm under the influence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Christopher Martin Kanawyer has been charged with battery and disorderly conduct.

Naomi Lorraine Lacey has been charged with battery and disorderly conduct.

Damien M Geiler has been

# HICKS...

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place. It's not a rejection of diplomacy. It's a demand for accountability.

Alliances are not defined by press statements or shared history alone. They are defined by action when it matters most. If America's partners are

unwilling to act in defense of the very system that has helped sustain their prosperity, then it seems reasonable and necessary for Americans to reconsider the terms of those relationships.

History remembers who stood together in times of crisis, and it remembers who stood aside. ###

# Public Notice

Your RIGHT to know, guaranteed by Kansas Law.

## Notice to control noxious weeds in Anderson County

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 12, 2026.)

### GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County commissioners of Anderson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in

Anderson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien of the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine

of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Anderson County Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 SW 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

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## Notice of hearing for zone change application

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 19, 2026.)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Anderson County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Zone Change application #ZC2026-

02 (Ramsey) to split off and rezone 20 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District. Said property is described as the following:

The West Half (W/2) of the West Half (W/2) of the North Half (N/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Twenty (20), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

/s/Thomas R. Young  
Planning & Zoning Director

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## Notice of hearing for zone change application

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that an application has been filed with the City of Garnett Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance described as follows:

Case #: V26-01  
Applicant: USD 365

Purpose of Variance: Variance for setback from KS-31 HWY

Legal Description: S25, T20, R19, ACRES 2.09, BEG 1504'W OF NE SEC COR,S490' ,W186',N490,E186' TO POB

A public hearing before the City of Garnett Board of Zoning Appeals will be held regarding said application for a Variance:

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Commissioner's Room

131 West 5th Avenue,  
Garnett, Kansas, 66032

at which time written and oral comments will be considered by the City of Garnett Board of Zoning Appeals Information regarding said application may be reviewed prior to the meeting at the office of the City of Garnett Planning Director, 131 W. 5th Ave., Garnett Ks., 66032

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## Notice of hearing - 235 W. 7th deemed unsafe

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 19, 2026.)

In the Matter of the Complaint of DARIN WILSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL

RE: The east 30 feet of Lot 15, less the following tract: Beginning at a point 10 feet East and 48 feet South of the northwest corner of said Lot 15, thence East 46", thence South 55 feet, thence Southwesterly 10 feet to a point due South of the place of beginning, thence North to the place of beginning; Also all of Lot 16; all in Block 68 in the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, commonly known as 235 W. Seventh Avenue, Garnett, Kansas.

HUMBERTO USCANGA-LOPEZ (address unknown)  
Owner/Occupant

No mortgagee of record.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS TO HUMBERTO USCANGA-LOPEZ AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed alleging that the above-described property is generally unsafe. A hearing before the City Manager will be held in the Commission Room in City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Ave., Garnett, Kansas, on March 31, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. of said

day. Any person may submit a written statement for consideration or appear in person or by counsel at said hearing. A full copy of said complaint is available without charge at City Hall during regular business hours.

DARIN WILSON  
Building Official/Complainant

Terry J. Solander #7280  
503 So. Oak St. - P.O. Box 348  
Garnett, KS 66032-0348  
785-448-6131; FAX: 785-448-2475  
solander@embarqmail.com  
City Attorney

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