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CHURCH EVENTS

GARDEN VALLEY CHURCH
1701 N. Third St.
Sunday: Life Groups for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service with Pastor Steve Enz bringing the message "Keep On Growing", 2 Peter 3: 17-18, 10:45 a.m.
Monday: Ladies Life Group, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Junior High Youth Group, fifth through eighth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Senior High Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Men's Life Group, 7:30 p.m.
For more information, visit www.gardenvalleychurch.com, www.facebook.com/GardenValleyChurchGCK, www.facebook.com/GardenValleyYouth, or call (620) 276-7410.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
505 N. Eighth St.
Sunday: Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service with Pastor Bob Bates giving the message "Lies from the Enemy", in the sanctuary, 10:45 a.m.
The sermon will be live on YouTube at approximately 11:20 a.m. and can be seen later by accessing the church's website.
Monday: Life Group meeting at Carol Knaus' home, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Young Adult Bible study in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's lunch at Time Out Restaurant, 12 p.m.; Adult Bible

Study in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group meeting at the church, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Men's Bible Study at Time Out Restaurant, 9 a.m.
For more information, call the church from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays at (620) 276-7391, email at gccob@kscoxmail.com, or go to the church website www.gardencitycob.org.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
306 N. Seventh St.
Sunday: Sunday School in church Parlor, 9 a.m.; Communion at Garden Valley Retirement Village, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service with Pastor Don Warren giving the message "I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up", 2 Samuel, 10 a.m.; Outreach meeting in church Library, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: Mary Marthas and Men's Bible Study in church Chapel, 7-8:30 p.m.
For more information, call 620-275-5411, or visit the church's website www.fccgcardencity.com.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1719 Texas St.
Sunday: Sunday School small groups, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday: For Women by Women, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Intergenerational Small Group meeting on faith-based discussions on various topics, 6:30 p.m.; evening activities, TBA.
Thursday: Noon at the Table: Small group Bible Study, noon; Creativity Through Our Grief, 5 p.m.
For more information on services and activities, call (620) 275-9141 or visit www.pcusagardencity.org.

THE COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
710 N. Third St.
Sunday: Mission and Graduation Sunday; New Testament classes, 9 a.m.; Everyone welcome; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: PEO-X in Fellowship Hall, 12:30-3 p.m.; PM KSCL in Fellowship Hall, 5-7 p.m.; Ladies Group supper at Black Bear, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall, 1-7 p.m.; Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Finney County Humane Society in Finnup Hall, 6-8 p.m.
Friday: Men's luncheon at Time Out Restaurant, 11:45 a.m.
For more information, call (620) 275-5623.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - HOLCOMB
(Southern Baptist)
403 Emmanuel Dr.
Sunday: Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Evening Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Visit the church's Facebook page for more information or call 620-277-0858.

KING JAMES BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Fundamentalist) 1402 E. Fulton St.
Sunday: Worship Service with Pastor Leslie R. Wilds, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
The services can be seen on the church's YouTube channel.
For more information, contact the church at 620-287-6390.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
(A Global Methodist Church)
1719 Texas St. (In Fellowship Hall)
Sunday: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Women's Bible Study at Ward's Garden Café meeting room, 9-11 a.m.; Men's Bible Study at 1511 E. Fulton Terr., 7-8 p.m.
For more information call or text Faith Community Church at 620-640-4748.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
1608 Belmont Pl.
Sunday: Worship Service with Pastor Roy E. Dixon giving the message, 9 a.m.
For more information, contact the church at 620-275-5108.

HEART OF A TIGER

Meet Honesty Beaton - innovator, leader, change-maker

BY TISA MASON

HAYS - Few embody the spirit of resilience and innovation like Honesty Beaton, a senior Computer Science major at Fort Hays State University (FHSU).
A first-generation college student from Wichita, Honesty's educational journey is a tribute to her determination, a shining example of what can be achieved when passion meets opportunity.
From an early age, Honesty was a tech-savvy problem solver who was always ready to tackle any technology-related challenge. It was this natural inclination towards technology that sparked her interest in the field of computer science, eventually guiding her to FHSU.
"I didn't think college was an option until my high school advisor, Cammie Kennedy, encouraged me to explore



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it," Honesty recalls. After her initial visit to Fort Hays, she was drawn to the friendly and supportive atmosphere of the campus, where she felt a sense of belonging.
As she navigated her college experience, Honesty faced obstacles common among many of our students. Balancing two jobs while managing her coursework was no small feat, yet she found solace in the strong support networks at FHSU. Friends from freshman orientation became lifelong companions, while dedicated peers and mentors boosted her

confidence and encouraged her to reach new heights.
One pivotal moment in Honesty's FHSU journey was participating in a course on "Video Game Creation." Under the guidance of Gordon Carlson, Honesty and her team developed a game from scratch, sparking a passion within her for programming and design. This course honed her technical skills and opened doors to exciting research opportunities.
Carlson recognized her enthusiasm and invited her to collaborate on a year-long research project called Realtime Video Underlay, culminating in a presentation about the project at the 2024 Faulkner Challenge—a milestone Honesty never imagined when she began her college career.
Her accomplishments didn't stop there. As one of the first undergraduate

Student Mixed Reality Developers at the Institute for New Media Studies, Honesty was at the forefront of technological innovation on campus, working alongside her peers to tackle complex problems.
"FHSU encourages exploration and creativity," she notes. "I've had the chance to work with augmented reality, virtual reality, and projection mapping, ideas that expand our understanding of technology's impact on education and society."
Honesty's future is bright and filled with promise. She plans to graduate in December 2025 with her Bachelor of Science degree and transition into an FHSU master's degree program in cybersecurity and a new role as a Graduate Research Assistant with the Institute. She also plans to gain real-world professional experience as a

data engineering intern at Centene, a Missouri-based healthcare solutions company.
As Honesty reflects on her journey, she acknowledges the challenges and the invaluable lessons learned along the way. "College will test you in ways you never expect." She emphasizes the importance of surrounding oneself with a supportive community. "Making mistakes is okay; it's about the passion, effort, and support that turns uncertainty into achievement."
Her experience isn't just a personal triumph; it serves as a larger narrative about the FHSU experience. The university is a model of innovation and support, where students like Honesty are empowered to pursue their dreams. As FHSU continues to thrive and adapt to the changing landscape of education, it remains steadfast

in its mission to nurture talent and creativity.
The story of Honesty Beaton is more than just a chronicle of her journey; it encapsulates the essence of Fort Hays State University - a place where dreams are nurtured, boundaries are broken, and futures are forged. In this close-knit community, everyone is bound by a shared belief in the transformative power of education, working together to ensure that every student who walks through its doors can achieve their aspirations, just as Honesty has done.
This is Fort Hays State University, where students become innovators, leaders, and change-makers. Honesty's journey is a powerful reminder that anything is possible with grit, determination, and the right support.
Tisa Mason is the President of Fort Hays State University.

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to go through that training and their first year is actually going to be potentially their fifth year in a classroom."
Those enrolled in the program are going to "earn while they learn," Thon said. They're going to make money while they're learning in the classroom and learning through their college courses.
"Going to college is really expensive, so, they're going to get some funding from KSDE to help pay for their tuition, their books, their fees, and we'll also get some funding in this, and ... for our mentor teachers," she said.
One-on-one mentorship is a big part of this program, Thon said. The district already has a mentor program, and they're going to bulk that up as well for all the new teachers, but those in the TAP program are going to greatly benefit from that mentorship

"Then that seamless transition, so, they actually will not have their traditional student teaching semester like they would normally, that's going to be just all rolled into this whole program," she said.
The four biggest parts of the TAP program are coursework, mentorship, tiered classroom experience and professional development, Thon said.
The apprentices must be enrolled in classes, which will be rigorous, Thon said. Even if they're starting from the ground up, they should only be in the program for four years.
"Four years is pretty quick, they're going to have to be full-time in college classes, but that's part of it," she said. "The mentorship is another big piece; we will pay our mentors, our guiding teachers, to help really give them that time and that effort as well."
Thon said tiered classroom experience is a huge part of the

program, in it the apprentices will be accessed where they're at every semester and will be given goals and will work towards taking over lessons.
"As time goes on, they're going to take over, they're going to create some lessons, they're going to teach some more lessons, they're going to grade some papers," she said. "As time goes on, that's just going to roll into being the person leading the class."
The apprentices will also take part in the same teacher-in-service dates with their mentors, Thon said.
"We don't want them to miss out on anything that they would otherwise not have," she said.
Thon said most people can apply, it'll be opened internally and externally for applications.
The applicants must complete the application through KSDE, the district must do a portion of it as well; they must be enrolled or able

to enroll in teacher education programs; and the district will ask them to commit to USD 457 for two years once they've completed the program, Thon said.
The application period for the program ends May 20, as the applications aren't due to KSDE until June 1, Thon said.
"It's going to be a little bit of a quick turnaround, but we're going to be able to get those teachers in, or apprentices in, interview them and find out who's going to be the best to start in the fall," she said.
Drew Thon, USD 457 Chief Human Resources Officer, said the district will start out with five apprentices this first year.
"We want to make sure that these five are getting all the attention that they need to get, that they're getting the experience they need to get," he said. "As things progress and we create systems and put systems in place and checks and balances in place, yeah,

we're going to ask to eventually ramp up the program."
He said a big upside with this program compared to other programs like Transition to Teach is that the apprentices will have been embedded in the classroom for years before they become a full-fledged teacher.
"We count our lucky stars every single day for every long-term sub that became a teacher and everybody that's gone through a non-traditional pathway," he

said. "But the biggest problem that we've seen is their first-year teaching is their first-year teaching."
Additionally, a lot of the teachers will probably end up staying in the same building, Drew Thon said.
"What we're doing is we're putting people in place that we know fit our culture, they fit our values, they fit what we're trying to do, because they've been with us for anywhere to two to four years," he said.

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All bids shall be made on printed forms, which may be obtained from the Utilities Service Center or online at [Bid Postings • Garden City, KS • CivicEngage](#). No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least sixty (60) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the public.

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