

Woman files for 41st District seat

Staff report

A Leavenworth woman recently filed to run for the Kansas House of Representatives in 2026.

Ann Reinhart filed as a Republican candidate for the House's 41st District. The 41st District includes portions of the city of Leavenworth and Kickapoo Township.

In a news release, Reinhart states she has worked for more than 25 years as an expanded function registered dental hygienist.

She is the first person to file for the 41st District seat for next year's election, according to a website for the Kansas Secretary of State's Office.

The 41st District is currently represented by Pat Proctor. But Proctor is running next year for the office of Kansas secretary of state.

City launches online survey about Camp Leavenworth

Staff report

City officials are inviting people to provide feedback about the recent Camp Leavenworth festival by taking an online survey.

The survey can be found on the city government's website, www.leavenworthks.gov.

This year's Camp Leavenworth festival took place Sept. 26 and 27.

The survey asks questions about the musical performers at this year's festival as well as children's activities, other activities and food and beverage options.

The survey will remain active on the website until Oct. 24.

Obituaries

JOHN BOYLES

John Boyles, 74, passed away on October 9, 2025. Burial will be held at Leavenworth National Cemetery on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 10 a.m. Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. at New Life Assembly of God on 5th St. in Atchison, Kan. Arrangements entrusted to Davis Funeral Chapel.

KYLE JONSSON

Kyle H. Jonsson, 38, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Visitation will be held at Davis Funeral Chapel on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. Another visitation will be held at the funeral chapel on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. at the funeral chapel.



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Lansing Fire Department to host open house

Staff report

The Lansing Fire Department will host its first open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the department's station, 111 E. Kansas St.

The open house will feature fire truck rides, car safety seat checks, smoke tunnels and possibly a LifeStar helicopter, according to information posted on Facebook.

At 1 p.m., the firefighters will have a push-in ceremony for a new truck.

Lansing City Council to meet Thursday

Staff report

The Lansing City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lansing City Hall, 800 First Terrace.

Agenda items include an update to a snow route priority map, easement staking and survey work for future sanitary sewers, a final plat for Monroe Manor Phase 1 and a conditional use permit for an in-line amplifier shelter.

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Under the proposed RHID, the developer could be reimbursed more than \$3 million from the increased property tax revenue that is expected to result from the development.

As other taxing entities impacted by the RHID, the Lansing Board of Education and County Commission each had 30 days after last month's vote by the City Council to veto the proposal by determining the RHID would have adverse effects.

The County Commission voted last week to allow the creation of the RHID.

This is the first successful RHID for the city of Lansing after proposals for two other RHIDs were blocked by the County Commission.

During Monday's Lansing school board meeting, board member Amy Cawvey made a motion to approve a resolution finding that the Monroe Manor RHID would have an adverse effect on the school district.

The motion was defeated by a 3-4 vote. Cawvey and fellow board members Mary Wood and Kirsten Workman voted in favor of the unsuccessful motion.

Cawvey said her main reason for wanting to block the RHID was because of opposition expressed by constituents. She said homeowners are hurting because of property taxes and they are not seeing any relief.

"They don't want this until those avenues are addressed," she said.

Wood compared the RHID incentive to socialism. "It's socialism over capitalism," she said.

She also expressed concern that homes would be "packed in" the development area like sardines.

"And that's not what I want for our future generations here," she said.

Workman said she feels like there has been a lack of communication from board members who have not opposed the RHIDs.

Board member Peter Im said the board is supposed to determine whether the RHID will have a negative impact on the school district. He said the district's schools have the capacity to accommodate new students who may live in the development.

Board member Jeff Bollin said the school district needs lower price point houses. He said people who live in the development will be spending money in the community.

Board member Kerry Brungardt began to offer thoughts on the RHID. But Wood argued Brungardt had a conflict of interest because he also serves on the Lansing City Council which had already approved the RHID.

At that point, board president Aaron Yoakam called for a vote on Cawvey's motion.

Earlier during the meeting, board members heard from three audience members who were opposed to the Monroe Manor RHID.

Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill also attended Monday's school board meeting and spoke in favor of the RHID.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, Oct. 16

WHAT: Kiwanis pork BBQ fundraiser
WHEN: 4:30-7 p.m.
WHERE: Heritage Event & Arts Center, 109 Delaware St.
DETAILS: Donation is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 10-under. Carry-out available.

WHAT: Leavenworth Master Gardeners: Gardening from the Ground Up
WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
WHERE: Jahn Room, Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St.
DETAILS: Master Gardeners Ernie May and Sheila Bloom discuss planning, preparing and weighing the options for a new garden.

Friday, Oct. 17

WHAT: Life 88.5 pop up party
WHEN: 7-9 a.m.
WHERE: The Depot, 781 Shawnee St.
DETAILS: Spin the birthday wheel, enjoy great music and win prizes.

WHAT: Leavenworth JROTC Foundation raffle fundraiser
WHEN: Through Oct. 27
WHERE: Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lv-jrotc-foundation-annual-raffle--2025. Use code BOGO4TIX to get 5th ticket free.
DETAILS: Raffle tickets available for a \$20 donation.

WHAT: COA stocking stuffer collection
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
WHERE: Dillons, 720 Eisenhower Road
DETAILS: Council on Aging staff will be collecting items for Christmas stockings for home-bound seniors, seniors without family or seniors who are facing challenges.

WHAT: Free Movie Night: "The Bad Guys 2"
WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Salvation Army, 600 Walnut St.
DETAILS: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 6 p.m.

WHAT: Mini Bouquet Party
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Tonganoxie Public Library, 217 E. 4th St.
DETAILS: Registration required by calling the library at 913-845-3281.

Saturday, Oct. 18

WHAT: Let's Talk Voting in Kansas
WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St.
DETAILS: All are welcome. Special guest is Mark Johnson.

WHAT: Pumpkins & People
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: Hotworx, 871 Eisenhower Road
DETAILS: Local vendors, giveaways, pumpkin painting, face painting, a bouncy house, seasonal treats, photo ops and all the fall vibes.

WHAT: Book exchange
WHEN: 11 a.m.
WHERE: Tonganoxie Public Library, 217 E. 4th St.
DETAILS: This special event is just for adults. Bring up to five books (published 2020 or later, very good condition, adult books) and take home up to as many as you brought. Email Kim at kimd@tonganoxielibrary.org for more info.

WHAT: Trunk-or-Treat
WHEN: 5-7 p.m.
WHERE: Sportsfield, 20th and Ottawa streets
DETAILS: Halloween fun and lots of candy. Be sure to dress up in your favorite costume and bring your Halloween bag to carry the candy.

WHAT: Creep It
WHEN: 5-9 p.m.
WHERE: Haymarket Square, 649 Cherokee St.
DETAILS: Shop handmade goods, discover one-of-a-kind finds and treat yourself to festive eats and drinks. Costumes are encouraged.

WHAT: Ghost Stories Around the Campfire
WHEN: 7-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: 201 W. Washington, Tonganoxie
DETAILS: S'mores and hot cider. All ages welcome, no charge.

WHAT: Bachata merengue salsa
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Island Spice Jamaican, 325 Delaware St.
DETAILS: Lessons cost \$10.
FOR MORE INFO: Call 913-297-2292

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