

PROJECT IMPACT



Ray Nolting/Sun photo

Tony Yanez, who works for SEE-CAP, painted benches at the Parsons Municipal Swimming Pool on Friday as part of a community improvement initiative called Project Impact. Volunteers helped get things ready for the summer swimming season and beautify the Arvon Phillips Community Center. SEE-CAP worked in other communities as well. The Second Chance Education Center in Parsons also assisted at the APCC.

KDOT announces approved April bids for Southeast Kansas road projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects.

The letting took place April 16 in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple projects that have been bundled based on proximity and type of work.

District Four — Southeast:

Bourbon: Bridge over tributary to Hinton Creek, located 5.9 miles south and 1.0 mile west of Uniontown, bridge replacement, 0.2 mile, B&B Bridge Company LLC, St. Paul, \$701,404.10.

Greenwood: U.S. 400, from K-99/U.S. 400 east junction east to the Greenwood/Wilson county line, crack repair, 15.2 miles, Pavement Pro's LLC, McPherson, \$353,896.97.

Statewide: Routes U.S. 69, K-152, K-3, K-31, K-7, K-52 and K-239 in Linn, Miami, Anderson and Bourbon counties, signing, Martin Outdoor Enterprises Inc., Pittsburg, \$1,947,000.

Parsons woman to serve prison term for theft, other cases

A Parsons woman received a controlling 35 months in prison for theft and from past crimes for which her probation was revoked.

Chelsea L. Shultz, 34, pleaded no contest in November 2024 in Labette County District Court for felony theft. Another charge of residential burglary was dismissed as part of the plea.

She was sentenced Friday in District Court Judge Steven A. Stockard's courtroom. Labette County Attorney Mandy Johnson prosecuted Shultz and Christy Caddell was her defense counsel.

Shultz had two cases filed in 2019, which resulted in convictions for criminal threat, theft and possession of alprazolam (Xanax). Her probation had been revoked and reinstated in 2022 in these cases.

On Friday, Judge Stockard revoked her probation on those convictions, based not the theft conviction and other factors, and ordered her to serve the prison term. She was asked to leave a treatment program because of marijuana use. Shultz could have received 38 months in prison for those convictions but Stockard reduced that to 23 months. Her prison terms were 23 months in one case and 15 in the other, with the terms to be served back to back. Stockard ordered them served at the same time, making the 23-month term controlling.

Shultz has received enough jail credit because of delays in her cases to get credit for at least that entire term, her attorney said.

On the most recent theft case, Shultz pleaded no contest to stealing \$30,000 from Doug Smethwick in 2022. She was wearing an ankle bracelet at the time of the crime for her probation and the GPS showed her in the area of Smethwick's house at the time of the theft and at about the time that Smethwick's nephew saw

her leaving the house in another woman's car.

Smethwick had collected that money, based on receipts he shared in court, from scrapping cars received from his towing business.

Stockard ordered Shultz to serve 12 months in prison for the theft. This sentence will be served consecutively to the 23 months in the revocation cases.

He granted her credit for around 600 days she's been in custody during the history of the cases. He also ordered her to pay \$30,000 in restitution to Smethwick. However, since she is going to prison he determined that a workable repayment plan was available so he ordered the amount due immediately, which means the restitution likely would be sent to a collections agency.

Once released from prison, Shultz will be on parole supervision for a year.

BUILD

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yet," he said.

In fact, Robinson said, lumber right now is at the lowest price it's been in several years.

"The framing lumber composite is actually back to where it was in 2023," he said, a price drop that he attributed to Canadian producers and American companies shifting as much product across the border as they could in anticipation of tariffs.

But Daniels said he is concerned that Canada's recent election, which gave Mark Carney the Liberal Party win, might have an impact on lumber.

"I'm concerned that may be setting us next up on a collision course," he said. "I think that's how he got elected, because he said he'll draw the hard line against the Americans. The thing is, Canadian lumber does have some other places they can export to."

The construction industry will closely watch the tariff situation, said Sean Miller, executive officer of the Kansas Building Industry Association. It's important that Canadian lumber and concrete from Mexico continue to be exempted from tariffs, he said.

"Canada is the source of upwards of 80% of our lumber, so that's a huge issue for the homebuilding industry in particular," he said. "There

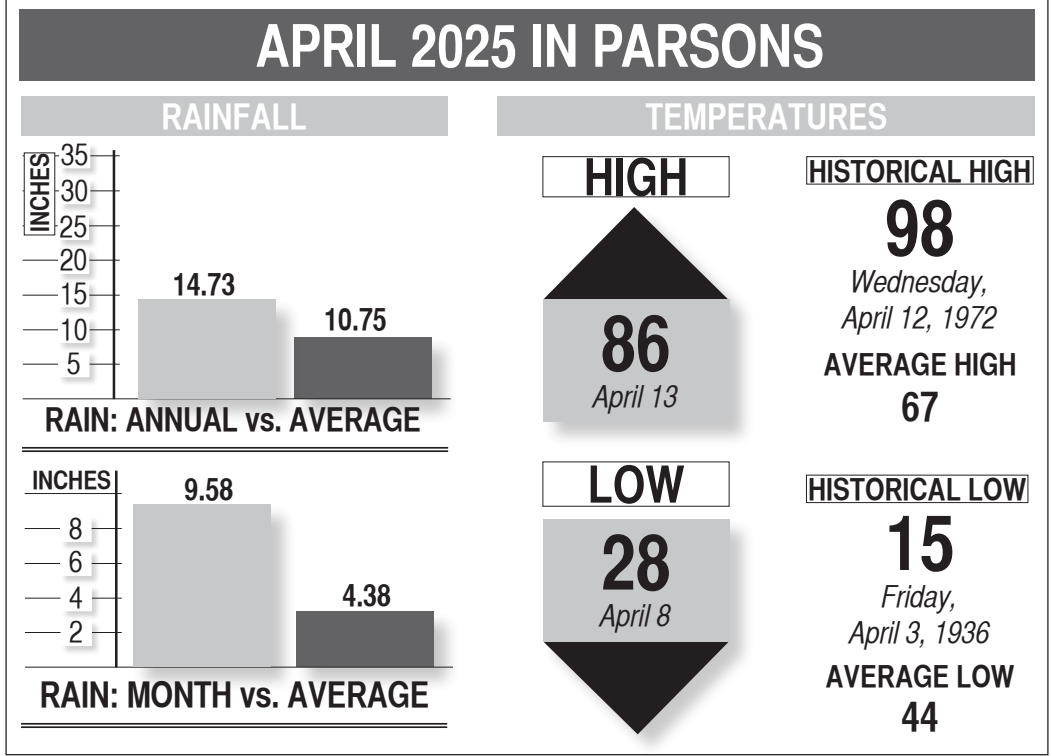
is a 14.5% tariff on lumber, pretty consistent through the last couple of administrations. That lumber was exempted from any additional tariffs at this time, and that's really critical for us."

Miller said possible supply chain disruptions are also a concern.

"We've seen so much, starting really with COVID, and it's never really come back the way we would have liked it," he said. "That can really impact us."

As an example, he said electrical transformers can be challenging to source for larger developments, such as 20- or 50-house projects.

"The ability for Evergy or your local electric partner to



Sources: National Weather Service, Parsons Sun and Kansas State University Extension Service

Murder trial delayed for former SEK man

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A jury trial scheduled to begin next week for a former Parsons man accused of second-degree murder has been delayed a year.

Jaylen Eugene McDaniel, 33, of Kansas City, Missouri, is being held in the Jackson County Detention Center in Kansas City. He's charged with second-degree murder, armed criminal action, endangering a child and unlawful possession of a firearm.

The murder happened March 13, 2023, in south Kansas City, Missouri, near East 115th Terrace and Food Lane. Police found Trianna "Tri"

Tisdale, 29, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. She was taken to a hospital but died shortly after from her injuries, Kansas City broadcast media reported.

A hearing of a key witness's unavailability next week, a judge agreed to reschedule the trial from May 12 to April 20, 2026, in the Jackson County (Missouri) Court-house.

A hearing on pretrial motions is set for April 10, 2026.

McDaniel, who attended Parsons High School, served a short stint in Lansing Correctional Facility in Kansas for a Labette County conviction for aggravated battery.

During final awards, Bruce Burton's CR Blonde Bombshell was awarded best condition in the 50 mile event. He finished only six minutes behind the first-place horses. Budke's Khalid took home the best condition award in addition to her first-place finish.

Weather and trail conditions forced the cancellation of the Sunday event, but Martinez plans to return to Big Hill in 2026 to offer equine enthusiasts the opportunity to Ride Like the Wind.

RIDE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City's development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City's development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations.

The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025 and shall be submitted via the following email address: dwilson@garnettsks.net

Full document and information are available at www.simplygarnett.com.

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