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Jason for a discussion about “having civil conversations in the midst of the upcoming election.”

But what is civil discourse according to the three panelists? According to Comeau, today’s temperament in discourse is becoming the “winner” of the conversation.

“I mean it seems like when you look at the politics that are happening, and maybe it’s always been that way, it’s just highlighted with social media and some other ways we do our discourse today rather than just talking one on one to people,” said Comeau. “I think civil discourse, really, the idea would be to have some understanding rather than trying to win all the time.”

The panel then discussed the value in having a potential civil discourse with someone or others who disagree wholeheartedly.

“I think for myself, I think about ‘Well, when was the last time I did this? When was the last

time I actually engaged with somebody who truly, authentically felt differently than me about something?’” said Jason. “And to be honest, it’s probably not as much as I could or should because I think we all kind of have that tendency of avoidance a little bit when we know a topic is going to be tricky or know a topic isn’t going to be as accepted much.

“We know this from research, we call it the echo chamber. We have a tendency to only follow those sources that reinforce what we already kind of believe so our exposure to other people with different opinions is limited and also, I think our desire to engage in those conversations can be limited ... It’s incredibly important that we do it ... The goal for me in a conversation with somebody I disagree with, I hope, is do something along the lines of reaffirming their humanity.”

The panelists then discussed disagreement versus disrespect and what signs to look for before jumping into the impact of social media

such as Facebook and artificial intelligence.

“That (Facebook) was forever college reunion,” said Childers. “That was the selling point ... You had to have that link in order to get into it. There was a bit of exclusivity to it. Today, it has become a venue for, frankly, people who are middle aged ... I think back, oh the irony. I also think that that audience has fundamentally changed. Anybody is in there now, including the AI bots and all that. Some of the comments, it gets ridiculous. It’s different venues and different things and I think, in a lot of ways, people have to be more savvy about what’s appropriate in what venue these days.

“... It certainly has changed who you can target, when you can target them, how, and all of that is definitely different. In many respects, I think it has brought actual leaders closer to people ... Modern media has changed that, and I don’t know if it’s social media that changed it necessarily. I think it’s probably television that changed

it where you can go on directly and do that. But it is a fundamental change. Then you add the fact that I can target different people in this room based on the things you click on in social media.”

“I think the value of it, at least in theory, is that candidates can talk to you in a way that they couldn’t 40, 50, 60 years ago, 30 years ago,” said Jason. “... There’s something to be said about 50 years ago, we didn’t get a daily update from the president, we didn’t get your senator, your representative. At this point, I expect all of them to have some sort of social media by which they communicate with me. In some sense, the optimistic take would be to say we’ve never had more of a chance for connection.”

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EXPLORERS

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with giant toothbrushes; we have a ball pit where they can search for stress balls that are shaped like teeth. They can play with haircuts. We have mannikin heads that they can mess with the hair. We have an actual doctor’s station setup so they can practice doing a doctor’s appointment sitting on the crinkly paper, getting on a scale, having a stethoscope, having their eyes and ears checked, things like that.”

Boydston said the event, which has been running for a few years, was originally designed specifically for children with autism and developmental disabilities, who are much more likely to have sensory issues, but has been expanded for all children.

“It’s very common for children to have sensory issues, although it’s more common with children with autism or developmental disabilities,” Boydston said. “That’s what the event was originally geared toward, but it’s really for any child who needs to practice health-related appointments. They don’t have to have sensory issues to come practice.”

Boydston is an assistant professor in PSU’s Department of Psychology and Counseling and runs the universi-



Assistant Professor Paige Boydston, left, said the sensory friendly Little Explorers Healthcare Fair was designed to help ease anxiety little ones have about some of the sights and sounds they encounter at visits to the doctor, dentist or in the chair for a haircut. RON WOMBLE/THE MORNING SUN

ty’s behavior emphasis master’s degree program. Covert-Miller is a professor of recreation and therapeutic recreation in PSU’s Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation. They said the PSU students who ran Saturday’s fair come from a variety of disciplines.

“The student volunteers are a mix of graduate and undergraduate students in therapeutic recreation and psychology and counseling,” Boydston said. “They are working towards a variety of career paths, but pretty much all of them are working toward careers with individuals that have some kind of dis-

ability, whether it’s an adult, a child or a pediatric setting. It could be

in a school system or an outpatient system.”



Isla Wilson, 4, from Frontenac styles the hair on a mannequin at the Little Explorers Healthcare Fair, Saturday, at PSU. RON WOMBLE/THE MORNING SUN

LEGALS

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said Patting's Sub; thence North along the East line of said Lot 1 a distance of 50 feet; thence West and parallel with the South line of said Lot 1 a distance of 156.50 feet to the true point of beginning of the following described tract; thence West and parallel with the South line of said Lot 2 a distance of 18.50 feet; thence South and parallel with the East line of said Lot 2 a distance of 50 feet to the South line of said Lot 2; thence East along said South line a distance of 18.50 feet; thence North and parallel with said East line a distance of 50 feet to the true point of beginning.

Wilson's Sub of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Thence North a distance of 50 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot Number One (1) of Patting' s Sub of part of Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7; thence West along the South line of said Lot 1 of Patting's Sub a distance of 156.50 feet to the true point of beginning of the following described tract; thence West along the South line of Lot Number Two (2) in said Patting's Sub a distance of 18.50 feet; thence South a distance of 50 feet to the North line of said Lot 1 of Wilson's Sub; thence East along the North line of said Lot 1 a distance of 18.50 feet; thence North a distance of 50 feet to the true point of beginning.

Subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, and all applicable real estate taxes and special assessments, to satisfy the notes and costs.

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LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF
WILMA LEE PERRY BRASHER,
THOMAS MAURICE BRASHER, AND
MARILYN L. PERRY, DECEASED

Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000095

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mary L. Newport, the sole heir at law of Wilma Lee Perry Brasher, Thomas Maurice Brasher, and the niece and sole heir at law of Marilyn L. Perry, all deceased:

That descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

West Eighty-five (85) feet of Lot One (1) in Block One (1) in the Rogers Coal Company's Second Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof,

commonly known as 201 South Elm Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762;

Lot One Hundred Ten (110) in Kansas City Southern Annex, an Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof,

commonly known as 902-904 South Rouse Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762;

Lot Fifty-one (51) in College Hill 2nd Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof,

commonly known as 1716 South Walnut Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762; and

Lot One Hundred Twenty-one (121) in Subdivision of parts of McCormick's Second Addition to Pittsburg, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof,

commonly known as 512 East Jackson Street, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762.

That descent be determined of the miscellaneous personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedents at the time of death and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedents at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Crawford County Judicial Center, 602 North Locust Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States who;
- (2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who
- (3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote

shall be deemed a qualified elector:

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person's removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.