

# OTHER NEWS



**Destinee O'Shea, left, and Kelbie Schnieder are two medical students that participated in the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine Rural Medicine Summer Immersion Program during the week of June 13 in Garden City.** MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

## RURAL MEDICINE

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The students also served in the operating room, clinics, and at FQHC, Genesis Family Health and Fry Eye Associates, Blick said. They want to give their students the chance to see different healthcare practices, both public and private.

Blick said the program shows students a different side of healthcare.

"The practice of rural physicians is a little unique in that they may not have as many resources as a big community would have," she said. "It really shows them a different side of that practice and encourages them to look at what they might want to do."

Rural health care is different to health care in larger cities, Blick said. The standard of care isn't different, but the resources available are.

"An example of that is there isn't as many specialties," she said. "Some of the physicians that are practicing here may have to do an expanded scope of practice for those patients whereas in a big city you have a very small niche of practice."

Two of the students participating in the program are Destinee O'Shea and Kelbie Schnieder. O'Shea is from Cheney and Schnieder is from Davey, Neb.

O'Shea said she decided to participate in the program because it was offered and sounded interesting, especially after growing up in two rural towns.

"I was already interested in helping rural communities and ... this seemed like a really good program to get involved with to come out to western Kansas – where I know there is usually healthcare limitations – and to see firsthand what's going on in Garden City and what it has to offer and how I could maybe help in the future," she said.

Schnieder said she applied for the program because rural medicine is something she wants to do after also growing up in a rural community.

"I really wanted the opportunity to do something that was similar to the community I was raised in," she said. "To have that opportunity in the state of Kansas through

the school was just something that I jumped right on, because I was like ... that sounds amazing."

Garden City surprised O'Shea.

"There's a lot more out here that it has to offer and the community seems very tight knit and close – not that I didn't expect that, but it was a nice surprise," she said.

Schnieder said she enjoyed seeing the interaction between the patients and the providers.

"The care they provide is just incredible to see, because it makes me realize that's how I want to practice," she said. "I love rural medicine for all the of the community it has, and I think it's something really special and close to my heart."

She's also enjoyed the opportunity to see the difficulties of being out in a rural area and how they're translated into medicine.

"That can be through the patients and the providers, but what I think is cool is to see how it's a team," she said. "How they can work together to find either the best solution or, frankly, what is the best plan of care for that patient."

O'Shea said she has enjoyed seeing how connected those in medicine are to their patients as well; that they have relationships because of how tight knit the community is.

"It seems like the physicians can wear many different hats just because there's not an abundance of them," she said. "That's really interesting and neat to think that that is potentially what I could be doing if I went into a rural community."

It's been a beneficial experience, O'Shea said. Even coming from a rural community in Kansas, it opened her eyes to things she never knew about southwestern Kansas.

"I didn't grow up in western Kansas, so, there's a lot of things that I've learned about western Kansas that I haven't heard about," she said. "So, very beneficial; it's nice to come out here and actually see what it would be like living here if that's something I could do in the future."

Schnieder agreed that the program has been beneficial; she's been able to have great interactions with a variety of providers, and it's been fun to talk with

everybody else in the program about their experiences and what they're enjoyed.

Something new she's learned during her time in Garden City is how much goes into rural medicine.

"There's so many different pieces to the administration, the providers, everything," she said. "But everybody has still wanted to educate and give the best care possible, so, I think that's something I kind of just didn't have in my mind, but it's interesting to see and how that dynamic plays out."

O'Shea said the biggest thing she's learned is about how rural medicine has a lower "hassle factor" than larger cities, which refers to the ease or difficulty of navigating a location, rural, metropolitan, or urban, particularly regarding traffic and transportation.

Her participation in the program has made her really consider working in rural medicine, O'Shea said. She had already considered it because of her background, but this helped her solidify it as an option a bit more.

"It was always an option, but now this has been a positive experience for me and beneficial and definitely encouraged or brought it to the front of my mind to maybe prioritize in the future," she said.

Schnieder said it reemphasized that she wants to work in rural medicine.

"It was already on my mind," she said. "But it just is refreshing to get the validation in some ways that yep, this is what you're meant to be doing kind of thing and this is the environment I really enjoy."

She's excited to continue the program in Dodge City.

"I'm excited to see more providers, learn more and get a little bit more of a taste of rural medicine," she said.

O'Shea agreed.

"Ditto to all that," she said. "And rotating with physicians and seeing more specialties and also just experiencing another western Kansas city, to see how they compare, contrast and I just plan to learn more."

## BUSINESS

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the official launch of the Kansas Small Business Office.

The division is dedicated to empowering small businesses across the state with the resources, connections and support they need to prosper, serving as a vital link between entrepreneurs and state government.

"While large corporations relocating or expanding in Kansas tend to grab the headlines, we fully acknowledge small businesses are key drivers of our state's robust economy," Toland said. "With the creation of this new division, we are committing resources to

double down on that growth."

The focus is warranted, as more than 99% of all businesses in Kansas are small businesses.

The Kansas Small Business Office consolidates key Commerce resources and creates a centralized point of contact in state government for entrepreneurs navigating business development, certifications, permitting, capital access, mentorship and more.

One of the office's unique offerings will be ConnectKS, a new online platform that will simplify access to business resources statewide. Powered by EcoMap, ConnectKS is designed to help entrepreneurs, small business owners and ecosystem builders connect with programs, funding

opportunities, support organizations and events.

The platform provides a real-time, searchable database of resources available across the Kansas entrepreneurial ecosystem. The digital hub is tailored to meet the needs of users at every stage of business development.

"The Kansas Small Business Office is making it easier than ever for Kansans to find the resources they need to start and grow a business," Kansas Small Business Office Director Taylor Overton said. "Whether launching a first venture or scaling a successful company, our office provides clarity, connectivity and confidence to our Kansas businesses."

# Obituaries

### SCOTT GARRETT

Garrett Scott See, age 44, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in Kansas City, Kansas. He was born on August 28, 1980, in Scott City, Kansas.

Graveside Memorial Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Scott County Cemetery in Scott City, Kansas.

There will be no calling times.

### BETTY SCHREIBVOGEL

10/23/1925 - 06/14/2025

Betty Louise (Keithly) Schreibvogel, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Ranch House Assisted Living in Garden City, Kansas. She was born October 23, 1925, in Isabel, Kansas to George & Cora (Patrick) Keithly.

Betty was a resident of Garden City since 1942 at the age of 16. Her first job was at the Midway Café. She worked at Ideals Food Store, USD #457, and helped her husband, Tony, build houses in and around Garden City. She was a member of the Finney County Senior Center and played cards weekly until her eyesight started to fail. She enjoyed her family, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Betty was also a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church.



On January 25, 1943, she married Tony A. Schreibvogel in Garden City. They had two sons Jerry Duane and Ronald Gene. Betty is survived by her son Ronald Gene (Jackie) Schreibvogel; two sisters Mary King and Thelma Taylor; seven grandchildren Tonya, Roland, Ryan, Rance, Melanie, Julie, & Jerra; thirteen great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband Tony; her son Jerry; a daughter-in-law Bonnie; a great granddaughter Sascha; a brother Frank; and two sisters Lucille and Irene.

A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Garden City. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, also at St. Dominic Catholic Church with Fr. Ben Green as Celebrant. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Visitation hours will be held from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. The family suggests memorials given to the Finney County Senior Center in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 412 N. 7th St., Garden City, Kansas 67846. Condolences may be given at [garnandfuneralhomes.com](http://garnandfuneralhomes.com).

### K-STATE

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associate professor in the mechanical and nuclear engineering department. said. "K-State already has nuclear-option graduates working for highly visible entities, such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center and Evergy, as well as many of the country's top national laboratories. Adding this undergraduate degree will further strengthen K-State as a regional leader in this field."

K-State has several faculty members with extensive backgrounds in nuclear engineering, as the department has continued to offer nuclear engineering education for the last 29 years through the undergraduate sub-plan as well as two graduate-level degrees, a master's and a doctorate.

The College of Engineering will seek accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET for the nuclear engineering program after the first graduates of the program have completed their degrees, which is the standard ABET process for accreditation of new programs.

"Adding this degree is a great way to leverage our existing resources to attract more students to the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering," Matt O'Keefe, dean of engineering and LeRoy C. and Aileen H. Paslay chair in engineering at K-State, said. "This will allow more of our students to study this field, which we anticipate will continue to see growth at a steady pace as jobs are created in the commercial power, government, defense and health sectors of the economy."



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