

RELIGION

CHURCH EVENTS

GARDEN VALLEY CHURCH

1701 N. Third St.

Sunday: Palm Sunday; Life Groups for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service with Pastor Steve Ensz starting a three-part Easter sermon series entitled "The Tables Are Turning!" with this week being "What Would Jesus Do??", 10:45 a.m.

Monday: Ladies Life Group, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Kingdom Kids, three-year-olds to fourth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Junior High Youth Group, fifth through eighth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Senior High Youth Group, ninth through 12th grade, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Ladies Life Group, 9:30 a.m.; Men's Life Group, 7:30 p.m.

Friday: Good Friday service with the message "Jesus Is Doing What?", 6:30 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 in the sanctuary with Pastor Bob Bates giving the morning message, 10:45 a.m.; Movie Night in the sanctuary, 6 p.m. We will watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine" and have popcorn and soda pop or water.

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' house, 6:30 p.m.; Executive meeting in Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Young Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.; Men's lunch at Ward's Cafe, 12 p.m.; Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group meeting, downstairs at church, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Men's Bible Study at Black Bear Diner, 9 a.m.; No evening Life Group; Love Feast with Bread and Cup Communion, 7 p.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@ks-coxmail.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.; Children's Sunday School in church Chapel, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Youth Groups – Peace Out (ages four through fifth grade), Chi Rho (grades six through eight), CYF (High School), all begin with a meal in the Fellowship Hall, 6-8 p.m.; Marthas and Men's Bible Study in church Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 620-275-5411, or visit the church's website www.fccgardencity.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 Support Group, 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; Grief Support Group, 5 p.m.; Individual appointments are available.

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: New Testament classes, 9 a.m.; Everyone welcome; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship, 11 a.m.

Tuesday: Women's Group lunch at Pizza Hut, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Person Contemplative Prayer Time in Sanctuary, 12:10-12:50 p.m.; Choir practice, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Search Committee meeting in Judd Hall, 7 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.

FROM ZOO TO YOU

Time for animals to shed those winter coats

BY JOE KNOBBE

With the recent warming temperatures, including days that were just darn hot, we've all begun to shed our heavy coats and winter clothing in anticipation of the upcoming spring and summer. So too, have many of the animals at Lee Richardson Zoo.

Some of the hardest animals at the zoo grow thick coats to withstand the cold and wind of winter. Camels, bison, alpacas, and Karakul sheep are among the species notable for their heavy winter coats. Camels and bison will begin to shed large clumps of their winter growth as we progress into spring.

Camels, in particular, are known for looking a little "ratty" at times, with large swatches of



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hair hanging from their bodies during their annual shedding to a short, warm-weather coat. Others, such as the alpaca and Karakul sheep, require a little assistance in shedding their coats. Species like these have been domesticated for their continuous hair growth, enabling commercial production.

A long, thick wool coat is great for a sweater, but hardly ideal for a hot, dry Kansas summer. Each spring, keeper and veterinary

staff shear the zoo's three alpaca and two sheep to prepare them for the season.

Changes in other animals may not be quite so dramatic, but species like the Asian wild horse will begin to lose the heavier coats and manes they grew for the winter. They'll even lose the longer hair they've grown in their ears to insulate them from the cold. Addax, bighorn sheep, and goral will also begin to experience thinning of their hair coats.

Other changes to an animal's pelage (hair) or plumage (feathers) may not be so much about changes in season and temperature. Instead, they may happen because of the onset of breeding seasons.

Birds, for example,



A Bactrian camel at Lee Richardson Zoo is in the process of shedding its winter coat for the warmer weather. COURTESY LRZ

typically molt—lose and grow new feathers—in late summer. This allows them to replace old feathers before fall migration and produce thicker, more insulating feathers for winter. However, many birds undergo a specialized molt in spring. Then, they shed winter feathers and grow bright, showy plumage, which is important for courtship and attracting mates.

The peacock, though

not at Lee Richardson Zoo, is a well-known example of this. At the zoo, this occurs in red-billed blue magpies, Luzon bleeding-heart doves, and North American ruddy ducks, among others.

Enjoy the warming temperatures and changes at the zoo, from the animals' changing appearances to the growth of flowers and the greening of the grass and trees. As the daylight

lengthens, so will the zoo's hours. Beginning April 1, the zoo will be extending its hours to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with the drive-through entrance closing at 6 p.m.

To learn more about what's happening at the zoo, visit www.leerichardsonzoo.org or the zoo's social media pages.

Joe Knobbe is the Deputy Director at Lee Richardson Zoo.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bids for the "Finney County Juvenile Detention Center Remodel" at 507 W. Santa Fe Street. Garden City, KS. will be accepted by the Owner's Representative, Nolan Thill, Finney County Director of Building Maintenance. Contractors shall submit Bid Proposals by 1:30 PM Local Time, April 28, 2026, at the Finney County Administration Building, First Floor Conference Room, 311 N. 9th Street. Garden City, KS. Bid Proposals will be opened publicly at the above stated time. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, certified check or other security in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Architect (on behalf of the Owner) will conduct a Prebid Meeting at 1:30 PM Local Time on April 8th, 2026 at the Finney County Juvenile Detention Center; 507 W. Santa Fe Street. Garden City, KS. Prime Bidders attendance is required at Prebid Meeting. Bids will only be accepted from prime bidders represented on Prebid Meeting sign-in sheet. Subcontractors are encouraged to attend Prebid Meeting. Plans and Specifications, as well as Contract Documents for the Project will be viewable online, and/or download copies free of charge, from the Project Architect's website. Contact the Architect as noted below to obtain website access information. Architect Representative: Nick Nemechek, GMCN Architects, Inc., 115 East Laurel Street, Garden City, Kansas 67846, Phone 620-276-3244. ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Bids for the "Finney County Juvenile Detention Center Remodel" at 507 W. Santa Fe Street. Garden City, KS. will be accepted by the Owner's Representative, Nolan Thill, Finney County Director of Building Maintenance. Contractors shall submit Bid Proposals by 1:30 PM Local Time, April 28, 2026, at the Finney County Administration Building, First Floor Conference Room, 311 N. 9th Street. Garden City, KS. Bid Proposals will be opened publicly at the above stated time. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, certified check or other security in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Architect (on behalf of the Owner) will conduct a Prebid Meeting at 1:30 PM Local Time on April 8th, 2026 at the Finney County Juvenile Detention Center; 507 W. Santa Fe Street. Garden City, KS. Prime Bidders attendance is required at Prebid Meeting. Bids will only be accepted from prime bidders represented on Prebid Meeting sign-in sheet. Subcontractors are encouraged to attend Prebid Meeting. Plans and Specifications, as well as Contract Documents for the Project will be viewable online, and/or download copies free of charge, from the Project Architect's website. Contact the Architect as noted below to obtain website access information. Architect Representative: Nick Nemechek, GMCN Architects, Inc., 115 East Laurel Street, Garden City, Kansas 67846, Phone 620-276-3244.

ASKING ERIC

Friends only want to socialize outside, not at home

BY R. ERIC THOMAS

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Dear Eric: I have two friends with whom I frequently engage in trekking; we always have great chats and fun. But I noticed when offering an invitation to come stay in our holiday home, approximately two hours' drive away, the replies were quite muted or passive but polite. Responding with their absence of enthusiasm left the moment "hanging."

Another separate friend feels I should be more specific in setting out the dates or week-ends I'm offering to clarify my intentions to them. This friend feels it's not up to the invited to seek clarification on dates, et cetera, and thus explains their

reluctance.

I've not had this issue with any other friends who were invited in the same manner.

What are your thoughts?

— Declined Invite

Dear Invite: This is merely conjecture, but it's possible that your friends would prefer to keep the friendship to trek-only. It's not necessarily a bad thing. Perhaps they're most comfortable trekking or don't like staying at other people's homes. There's plenty of explanations. Maybe they don't feel up to the drive to a second location.

From the way you describe the situation, it seems your intentions are rather clear. So, I'm not sure that being more specific about dates or weekends is

going to get you farther without first finding out if there's another reason for their reluctance.

To that end, you may want to have a no-pressure conversation about it. "I noticed you don't seem as interested in hanging out at my holiday home as you do in trekking. Am I misreading that?"

Dear Eric: For many years my husband and I have been very generous and kind with my sister's family. We also planned many trips for them. Her husband is known as being very stingy toward us.

Now they've actually told us they are not doing nice things for us anymore. We are sick of the way they are rude, act so immature and are frankly mean.

We have decided to finally just walk away from them. What are your thoughts?

— Tired of Being Taken Advantage Of

Dear Tired: That sounds like the right thing to do. From your telling, you've extended graciousness and had very little of it, if any, returned. Now, your sister's family is actively telling you they don't want to extend any graciousness to you. This is basically them telling you that they don't want to be in a relationship with you, or at least not in the way that you want.

To paraphrase a famous quote by Dr. Maya Angelou, when people tell you that they don't want to be in a relationship with

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